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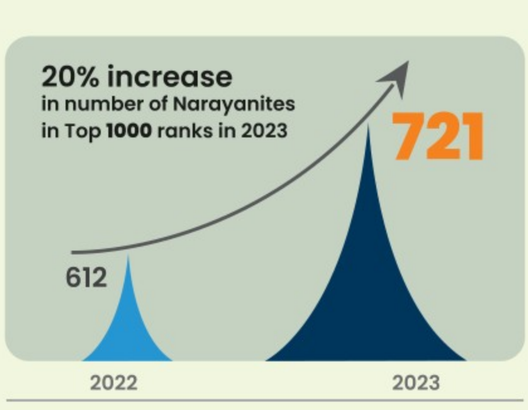

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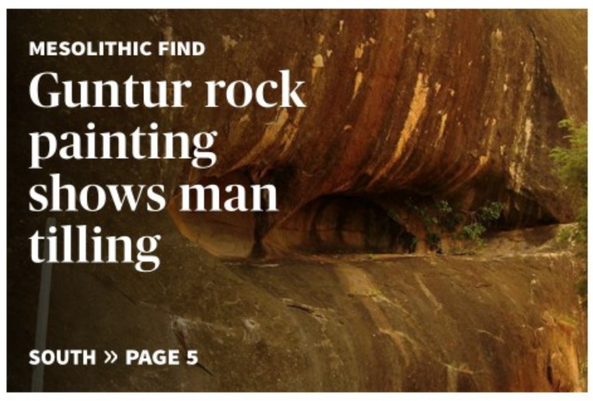

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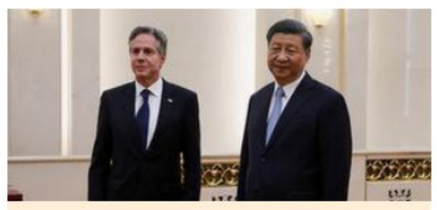

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Hardeeep Singh Nijjar

Khalistani Tiger Force chief Nijjar gunned down

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a "designated" terrorist, was gunned down by unidentified assailants in Canada's Surrey city on Sunday. He was wanted by the National Investigation Agency in four cases.

The two assailants struck around 8.30 p.m. (local time) when Nijjar was inside a car on the parking lot of a gurdwara.

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HC admits review plea by Meitei body on ST status

MTU contests court direction to the Manipur government for inclusion of Meitei community on ST list, expeditiously, preferably within four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Manipur High Court on Monday admitted a review petition to modify its contentious March 27 order which had directed the State government to recommend the inclusion of the Meitei community on the Scheduled Tribe (ST) list. The court issued notice to the Union and State governments on Monday, seeking their response by July 5, the next date of hearing.

The review petition filed by the Meitei Tribes Union (MTU) was admitted for hearing by a Bench of Acting Chief Justice M.V. Muralidharan, who had authored the March 27 order which was passed on an initial writ petition filed by the union.

Tension persists: A makeshift roadblock marks the site of a protest in Imphal. PTI

However, in that order, the court had said, "The first respondent shall consider the case of the petitioners for inclusion of the Meetei/Meitei community on the Scheduled Tribe list, expeditiously, preferably within a period four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order...

"It is this part of the order that we have sought a modification of. There is a Supreme Court judgment that says that inclusion or exclusion of any community is the prerogative of Parliament and the President. So this direction does not comply with that," Ajoy Pebam, one of the lawyers for the MTU told *The Hindu*.

He said they had initially only sought for a direction to the State to reply to the Centre following procedure.

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'President's Rule is the last option in Manipur'

NEW DELHI
Several people in government and BJP said that President's Rule was only a "last option", the idea was to exhaust other available measures first. Many organisations have demanded President's Rule owing to known biases in State admin and security forces. » PAGE 9

Punjab steps in to help Karnataka with its free rice scheme

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

AAP-Karnataka takes the initiative to arrange for the procurement ahead of launch on July 1

The Congress government in Karnataka, which is struggling to procure rice for its ambitious Anna Bhagya scheme, on Monday received a ray of hope after the Aam Admi Party (AAP) government in Punjab agreed in principle to supply the requisite quantum of rice.

As the politics over rice continues, Congress workers will be staging protests across the State on Tuesday, condemning the decision of the BJP government at the Centre to deny rice to Karnataka.

Under the scheme, the State plans to enhance free rice given per person in a BPL (below poverty line) card from 5 kg to 10 kg. This is estimated to cost the exchequer ₹840 crore monthly and ₹10,092 crore annually, said a note from the Chief Minister's Office. The scheme is slated for launch on July 1.

Punjab's offer to supply rice came after the AAP-Karnataka unit took the initiative to intimate the State government that Punjab had enough rice and was willing it to supply to Karnataka in the federal spirit. AAP-Karnataka convener Prithivi Reddy said that Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann spoke in the morning, when Mr. Mann confirmed that Punjab would be ready to supply the rice.

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Govt. pulling its socks up as State stares at drought

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With delayed monsoon across Karnataka, the government is gearing up to declare the State as drought-hit. Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said the State government was in "panic" as districts were facing severe rainfall deficiency. » PAGE 4

Guidance value of properties to be revised shortly

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The government is set to revise guidance value of properties shortly. The Department of Stamps and Registration has started reassessing property values and will come out with a draft of the new guidance values. » PAGE 3

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I believe I am a big work in progress, says Tejaswin

The spirited athlete from Delhi, who wishes to be the 'torch-bearer of decathlon' in the country, achieved personal bests in three events in the inter-State championship which concluded on Monday

ATHLETICS

Y.B. Sarangi
BHUBANESWAR

All for one, one for all! Tejaswin dedicated his win to his co-competitors and his posing for photographs with all of them, after taking off the shirts, was a 'walking the talk' gesture. Y.B. SARANGI

Achieving personal bests in three decathlon events, high jump (2.20m), pole vault (4m) and javelin (52.32), in draining conditions to score 7,576 points at the 62nd National inter-State athletics championship in Bhubaneswar and qualify for the Asian Games spoke a lot about Tejaswin Shankar's potential in inarguably the toughest discipline in athletics.

Trying to make a mark in the grueling multi-discipline sport, Tejaswin, who wishes to be the 'torch-bearer of decathlon' in the country, missed out on Bharatinder Singh's 2011 National record of 7,658 by 10 points to experience a so-near-yet-so-far moment at the Jim Click shootout competition in Arizona, the USA, in April.

Tejaswin wanted to achieve it in his first decathlon outing in the country during the inter-State meet, but in testing conditions he smartly chose to settle for the immediate target of qualifying for the Asian Games. He also put all doubts to rest about his capability of competing well in the Asian championships in Bangkok, which will also be hot and humid, next month.

The big takeaway for Tejaswin's inter-State performance was that he rose to the challenge after getting a less-than-satisfactory result on the first day of his competition. He pushed himself to win the title.

"Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. I am a solid day one guy. Day one events are all well-suited for me and I score a lot of points but that's where I lacked in this meet which was a new challenge for me. I have not performed badly on day one before. On day two, all my weak events are there. I usually play catch up on day two events after performing well on day one. That's why I was really happy that I was able to step up and pull my day two score," said Tejaswin.

No wonder that Tejaswin, the Commonwealth Games bronze medallist who specialises in high jump and has a personal best of 2.29m, valued his high jump showing at the Kalinga Stadium as it boosted him on a below-par day one.

"There are so many things going on. So personal best in a dedicated event is different, PB in decathlon is different."

Like a golfer remembering minute details of his game on every hole, Tejaswin passionately spoke about his 10 events, especially pole vault and javelin on the second day.

"Pole vault was one where I felt I needed to do something. Kudos to Siva (Subramani) bhaiya. He was my coach at the vault, he was helping me from the sidelines. Because it's one of the most technical events not just because there's an extra implement outside of your body, which is the pole. To know the adjustments between high jump and pole vault, you need to understand it like a physics problem. There were some minor adjustments which I needed to do (which I did), thanks to Siva. To jump 4m here was an outright personal best for me.

"Pole vault really gave me the motivation that something special can happen today. I was expecting 47-48m in javelin because my best was 46.84m. Throwing 49m in my first attempt, then 51m and 52m in my last attempts gave me a good cushion going into the (last event) 1500m."

Tejaswin was reconciled to the fact that he could not go for the National record. "I can still make the NR in future. It's best to break the NR by over 100 points instead of just by 10 points."

The amiable 24-year-old, who spent the last few years in the USA, sought Army coach and former National record-holder Kulwinder Singh's inputs during the competition and won over fellow-athletes to get the much-needed push from them.

"Tejaswin is a gifted athlete. He is the *bahubali* (strongman) of Indian athletics. After Bhartinder Singh, he is the second Indian athlete to cross 7500 points and has the potential to score 8000-plus points and even win an Olympic medal," said Kulwinder, who broke a 33-year-old National record in 2000 and coached Bhartinder.

"His competitions in the USA and here are different. Over there, because of the weather, they begin the competition during the afternoon and end it by the evening. Here, since the events were split between morning and evening sessions, the recovery time was less."

Kulwinder said Tejaswin needed to correct some technical faults. "It's not easy to perfect the technical side in 10 events as one event's techniques creep into another."

"I believe I am a big work in progress with so many opportunities to improve," agreed Tejaswin.

The affable Delhi lad, who overcame a bleeding nose and an unstable ankle to take the title, imported the culture of camaraderie among fellow-decathletes from the USA to India and dedicated his win to his co-competitors. His posing for photographs with all competitors, after taking off their shirts, in the Arizona and the Kalinga Stadium has a striking resemblance.

"In the end, we end up creating camaraderie among us. *Paseene mein bhi hum hug karte hai* (We hug each other through all the sweat). On the first day, we didn't know each other's names, but now we have forged (such) a friendship that someone ruined his own race so that I can qualify. That's the spirit of decathlon. That's why everybody should tune in and watch decathlon.

"If I could, I would break the medal into 18 equal pieces and give it to them. I hope, at least, I could have a picture with them and I hope you (media) use that picture and not use mine alone," said Tejaswin, dedicating his gold to his co-competitors.

Kulwinder is impressed with Tejaswin's stamina. "Look at that picture of all the athletes, his physique is as good as that of one-and-a-half of his fellow-athletes. If he wants to train with us at the Army Sports Institute (ASI), Pune, he is most welcome. After all, the Indian Army wants to win medals for the country," said Kulwinder.

As Tajaswin gears up for the upcoming big events, including the Asian Games, athletics lovers will keenly track the progress of this spirited athlete.

Egypt's class and prowess to the fore at the Chennai Squash World Cup

K. Keerthivasan

All-round spectacle: Egypt, bottom right, put on a show for the spectators in the all glass court in the middle of a busy mall in Chennai even as Malaysia's Aira Azman, bottom left, and India's Abhay Singh came up with some spectacular play. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM, R. RAVINDRAN, M. VEDHAN AND AFP

The Egyptian stars gave ample evidence of their superb skills and the level of dominance at the Squash World Cup held in Chennai recently.

Much before the start of the event, it was clear Egypt would win as the top seed, and it did it in grand style. The win over Malaysia in the final showed the African powerhouse had the capacity to bounce back when the odds were against it.

The team's game plan, strategy, and execution were spectacular throughout the mixed-team competition, which took place after a gap of 12 years.

Though the timing of the event at the end of the season prevented the cream of Egypt players from taking part, three of the four were in the top 50 and the other was ranked 56th.

Failing to come good

But disappointment was in store for Indians fans when the host lost tamely to Malaysia 3-0 in the semifinals. Much was expected from the second seed after it had put it across Japan 3-1 in the last group-B tie.

The experienced Joshna Chinnappa and Saurav Ghosal, who gave lots of hope with their performance against Japan, failed to rise to the occasion against Malaysia.

The 21-year-old Abhay Singh, a rising star ranked World No.62, also cracked under pressure. In the crucial ties against Japan (in the group phase) and Malaysia in the knock-outs, he lost the opening match, putting pressure on his compatriots.

The Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) officials, unhappy with India's display, is now guarded on the nation's chances at the Asian Games in Hangzhou.

The host, however, didn't lower its guard on the organisational front. The setting, meticulous preparations, and clinical execution of the World Cup left everyone, including Zena Wooldridge, president of the World Squash Federation (WSF), immensely satisfied. The WSF, SRFI, and the Government of Tamil Nadu deserve full credit for pulling off a grand show.

"I think you'll agree we've witnessed an outstanding week of squash in Chennai. The new format has produced some exciting squash and I hope you've enjoyed the whole experience and hospitality here in Chennai," said Woolridge at the closing ceremony.

Just like the excellent hospitality of the host, Egypt's performance was appreciated by those who watched its players put on a clinical exhibition of squash at the Express Avenue Mall.

One for all, all for one

The four Egyptians – Aly Abou El Eleinen (men's World No. 21), Hamim El Hammamy (men's 40), Fayrouz Aboelkheir (women's No. 33) and Kenzy Ayman (56) – stood up for one other.

When Kenzy lost her first match to Yee Xin Ying in the summit clash against Malaysia, or when Fayrouz went down to a talented Aira Azman of Malaysia in the second match in the group phase, the others fought tooth and nail to balance it out by winning tough matches.

"Bloody hell!" remarked a Malaysian PSA official after watching Eleinen playing catch-up for 10 rallies and then winning the point with a cracking backhand winner against Japan's Ryunosuke Tsurue in the semifinals.

When Egypt last won the title in Chennai in 2011, it had in its ranks the world's top players such as Raneem El Wilily, Ramy Ashour, Karim Darwish, and Mohamed Elsherbiny.

With this win, Egypt has shown its second line of players is stronger than the best of other countries, and more importantly, has a bench strength that is rock solid. Fourth-seeded Malaysia deserves all the plaudits that came its way. It played its heart out and was confidence personified in the final against Egypt.

Comprising Darren Pragasam (men, World ranked 141), Hung Sai Ong (men, 149), Aira Azman (women, 55), and Yee Xin Ying (women, 79), the team pushed beyond its potential and produced its best-ever show in the World Cup.

Darren and Aira, and to a lesser extent Ying were the stars for Malaysia. Aira was stupendous against Joshna in the second match of the semifinals. Even though the Indian fought hard, Aira had the final laugh.

Raising his game

Darren, whose play was average till then, raised his game against India in the semifinals. In the third match against his idol Saurav Ghosal, he was outstanding. His deceptive backhand drops and relentless retrievals put the top-ranked Indian in a fix.

The Malaysian couldn't hide his emotions after the huge win over the 19th-ranked Indian. "I know the fans wanted an India win today but I'm so happy to see so many people come out and support our sport. It's amazing, thank you so much.

"Saurav's someone I've looked up to forever. He's one of the greatest Asian and Indian players. I saw he was struggling a bit [with a knee issue] and I said 'I have a chance today'. But hats off to him, he fought to the end even though he was hurting. You guys must be proud of him."

The petite Aira has a huge heart and a bountiful game. The 18-year-old relies not much on power but on angles and delicate drops. Her win over a much higher ranked Fayrouz in the Group-A match was a lesson in court craft.

Fayrouz, one of the brightest talents to emerge from Egypt, found the going difficult against Aira as the latter had the audacity to go for winners from difficult angles and her deception across the court gave no chance to the Egyptian.

Malaysia has a bright future and it should fancy quite a few medals in singles at the Asian Games if the form at the World Cup is any indication.

India needs to introspect. Under pressure at home, its players crumbled. Abhay is certainly a better player than what the World Cup showed, while Joshna, whose rankings has gone down to 72, and Saurav must rectify their mistakes and come back stronger for the forthcoming events.

Egypt's coach Mohamed Elkeiy said it right: "We were not under pressure. It was India that was under pressure."

The World Cup was a joyous spectacle to behold but one that may not have left pleasant memories for Indian squash fans.

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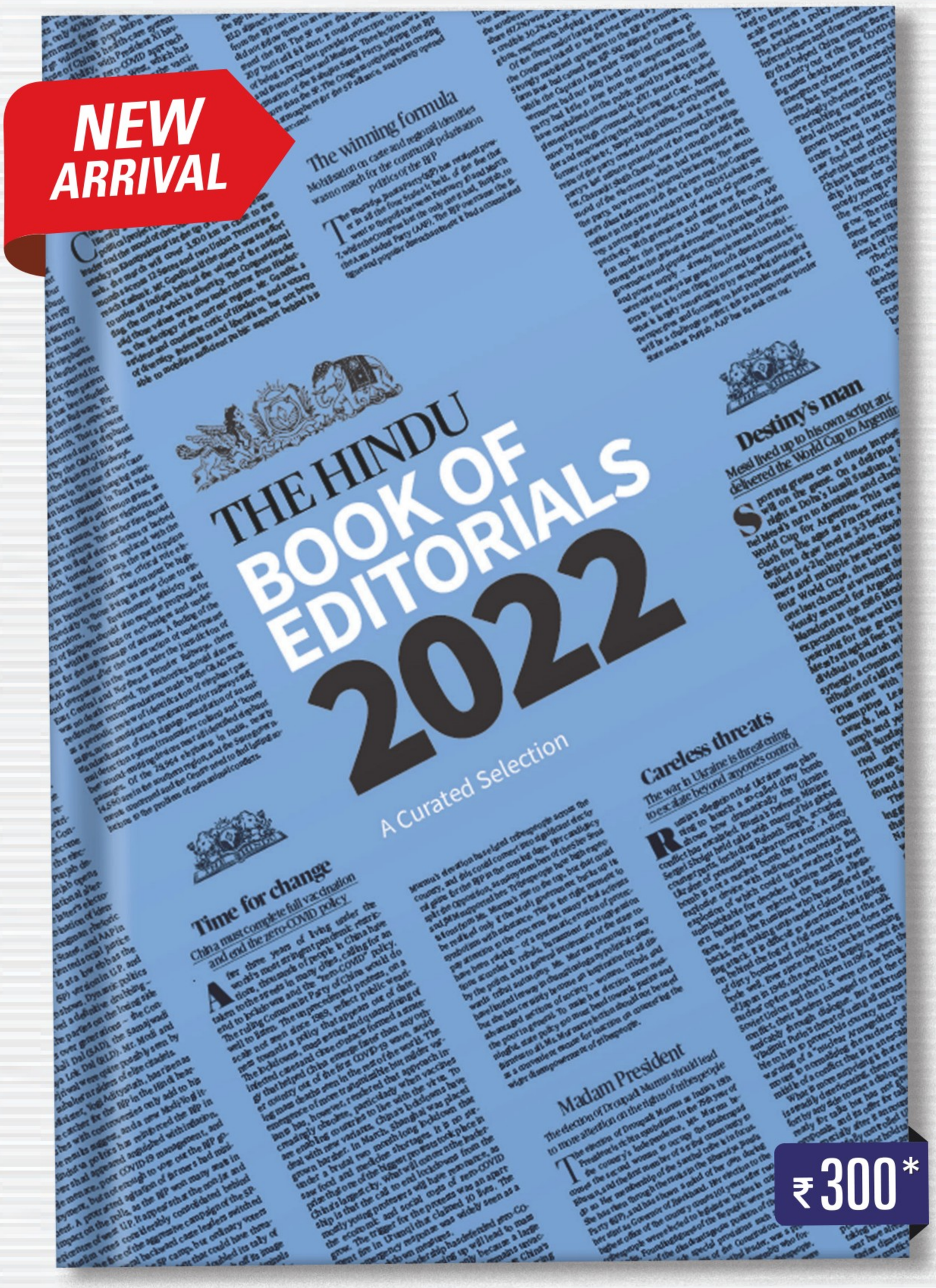

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Student killed, three injured as car rams into parked vehicles and electricity pole

He had gone out for a drive along with his friends on Hesaraghatta main road

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 22-year-old student was killed and three of his friends injured when the car he was driving lost control and collided with two parked cars before ramming a roadside electricity pole on Hesaraghatta main road in the early hours of Monday.

The deceased has been identified as Prakhyath Chinnappa, a final year BBM student of a private college. Nataraj, Rakshith, and Basanagowda were admitted to a private hospital for treatment.

The car that was involved in the accident on Hesaraghatta main road on Monday morning. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The incident occurred around 4 a.m. when Prakhyath set out for a drive along with his friends. Prakhyath was a native of Madikeri and staying in a rented house near the college.

According to the police, Prakhyath, who was driving in a rash manner, lost control and collided with vehicles parked on the roadside.

The impact of the accident was such that two cars and a scooter were damaged along with the electric pole.

The Peenya traffic police have taken up a case of death due to rash and negligent driving against the driver and further investigations are on.

The police have collected samples and sent it to FSL to ascertain whether the driver was under the influence of alcohol.

Honour killing: 3 persons, including father, arrested in Tumakuru district

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Three persons have been arrested by the Chelur police for the death of a 17-year-old, daughter of a farmer, in what is suspected to be a case of honour killing. The arrested are the father of the girl, his son, and his brother. The accused had disposed of the body by burning it on their farmland in their village, in Chelur police station limits in Tumakuru on June 9, the police said.

The incident came to light when police patrolling the area came to know about the mysterious death of a girl and probed the matter before alerting the higher-ups. A *suo motu* case was taken up and the accused were arrested and charged with murder and destruction of evidence. The victim, Nethravathi, was the only daughter of Parashuram who has three children. Parashuram, who belongs to a Scheduled Tribe (ST) community, is a local leader.

According to the police, Nethravathi, a PU student at Sira Government College, was in a relationship with Kumar, who is from a Scheduled Caste (SC). After the family came to know about the relationship, it made her discontinue her studies and got her engaged to another man. Nethravathi, who was not interested in getting married to the person chosen by her parents, went missing two days after the engagement. Furious over this, the family members started looking for her. They managed to trace her on June 8 and brought her home. The accused were agitated that she had brought disrepute to the family. They tortured her before force-feeding her pesticide to make it look like suicide. When she resisted and refused to consume the pesticide, Parashuram with his son and brother strangled Nethravathi, and later cremated the body, said the police.

The police also found the role of the deceased's grandmother Lakshmamma in abetting the murder, but due to the age factor and lack of evidence, she was not arrested, the police added.

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE
O.A. No. 1020 of 2021

M/s. CANARA BANK
S.M.E. BOMMASANDRA BR., B'LORE-560099.
Rep. by its Chief Manager V/s. ....APPLICANT
M/s. V-N SIX TECH COATERS PVT. LTD. & 2 OTHERS ....DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS TO THE DEFT. Nos. 1 to 3 ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

Deft. No. 1: V-N SIX TECH COATERS PVT. LTD. Rep. by its Directors Sri. VENKATESH C & Sri. NAGENDRA S. @ Shed No. 4, Plot No. 68, Road No. 4, 1st Phase, Jigani Indl. Area, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560099.
Deft. No. 2: Sri. VENKATESH C. Aged about 37 Years, S/o. Sri Chikkapayya, R/@ R.K. Township, Bommasandra, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560099.
Deft. No. 3: Sri. NAGENDRA S. Aged about 36 Years, S/o. Sri Mahadevappa, R/@ 11th Cross, 1st Main Road, R.K. Township, Bommasandra, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560099.

WHEREAS the above named Applicant has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 77,40,938/=** alongwith court costs, and current & future interest and other reliefs from the date of application till date of recovery. You are hereby required **to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on 18th day of August 2023 at 10:30 a.m.** either in person or duly instructed pleader as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take Notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 13th day of June 2023 at Bangalore.
Sd/- (REGISTRAR)
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1 for Karnataka
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore-560 001.

Lokayukta raid on Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited

Lokayukta officials on the KSDL office premises on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Lokayukta officials searched the Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL) office in connection with alleged irregularities by the Managing Director and his team, on June 19.

A complaint had been filed by the KSDL employees' union who sought a Lokayukta probe against senior officials for alleged 'financial irregularities'.

G.R. Shivashankar, president of KSDL employees' union, accused senior officials of conspiring to purchase raw materials by paying more than the actual price.

A team of Lokayukta officials, led by Superintendent of Police K.N. Ashok, searched the premises, questioned officials, and examined documents. Based on the findings, a report will be submitted to the Lokayukta for further action.

Earlier in March, the Lokayukta police arrested former BJP MLA Madal Virupakshappa in connection with corruption at KSDL. Mr. Virupakshappa, who was chairman of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL), had been charged with demanding bribes for awarding contracts for supplying material to the KSDL.

The Lokayukta caught his son Prashanth Madal, a Karnataka Administrative Service officer, while he was allegedly taking ₹40 lakh in the KSDL office in Bengaluru. Subsequently, over ₹7 crore in cash was seized from Mr. Virupakshappa's residence.

At the time of his arrest in the KSDL office in Bengaluru, Prashanth Madal was Chief Accounts Officer of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

Food delivery executive killed in accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 25-year-old food delivery executive was killed when a drunk car driver knocked down his motorcycle on R.R. Nagar in the early hours of Monday. The deceased Prasanna Kumar was on his way to deliver food when the accused car driver identified as Vinayak Chouhan, 27, knocked down his motorcycle, and tried to escape.

Passers-by found Prasanna lying in a pool of blood, alerted the police, managed to intercept the car near the metro station, and handed it over to the police. They were celebrating the incentive Vinayak had got and had consumed alcohol. While dropping is friend at R.R. Nagar he knocked the bike of Prasanna Kumar on the way, the police, said. The other occupants in the car escaped.

The Byatarayanapura traffic police booked Vinayak Chouhan under death due to negligence, drunk driving, rash and negligent driving, and seized the car.

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Southern Regional Office: ICAI Bhawan, 122, MAHATMA GANDHI ROAD, NUNGAMBAKKAM, CHENNAI - 600034. Tamilnadu.
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) invites Sealed unconditional Tender in two bid System, (Technical & Financial Bid in two separate envelopes) in prescribed format, from eligible, experienced and reputed Contractors in respect of proposed **CONSTRUCTION OF COMPOUND WALL, INTERNAL STREET LIGHTING WITH ELECTRICAL FITTINGS AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAMP OFFICE BUILDING FOR ICAI INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (ICOE) at PLOT No's. PB-10, 11, 12, 13/1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 23 in the SIPCOT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, IRUNGATTUKKOTTAI, SRIPERUMBUDUR TALUK, KANCHEEPURAM DISTRICT- 602 117, TAMIL NADU.**
The last date of receipt of duly filled in bid is 12.07.2023 upto 05:00 P.M. The detailed terms and conditions/ Tender are available at ICAI's website **www.icai.org & www.sirc-icai.org**
Secretary, ICAI

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, APARAJITA ,D/O Amarendra Kumar Sinha ,R/O No.13172, Prestige Tranquility, Budigere CRS, Bommenahalli VLG, BLR–49., have changed my name as Aparajita Sinha vide afdvt dtd 17/06/2023.

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, MANAN Mohan Jain, R/a No.12, Swaralaya, 5th Cross Laxmi Road Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560027 have changed my name to Manan Jain vide affidavit dt: 17.06.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, AZAM Pasha.R S/o Abdul Rahim, R/a No.31, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, Gandhi Nagar, K.G.Halli, Bengaluru-560045 have changed my name to Mohammed Azam vide affidavit dt: 19.06.2023 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, SURYA Shashank, R/a No.09, Doddakannahalli, Carmelaram Post, Sarjapura Main Road, Bangalore-560103 have changed my name to Surya Shashank Shiva Shankar vide affidavit dt: 17.06.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

I, NARAYANAMMA, R/a No.49, 2nd Cross, Naralappa Layout, Guddadahalli, V Nagenahalli Main Road, Bengaluru-560032 have changed my name to Narayanamma Rajappa vide affidavit dt: 17.06.2023 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

I, SHIVANAND Bellare, S/o Ramananda Bellare, R/at No.583, Vidyaranyapura Main Road, 3rd Block, HMT Layout, Bengaluru-560097 have changed my Father's name from Ramanand Bellare to Ramananda Bellare vide affidavit dated 19-06-2023 before Notary Udaya Kumar. K, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
(Appellate Side)
C.M.A.No. 4023 of 2019
against
M.C.OP.No. 300 of 2013
(MACT/PDJ, Namakkal)

Nagalakshmi and 4 others
... Appellants
-Vs-
1. Ramesh,
2. The Manager, Reliance General Ins.Co.Ltd ... Respondents

To:- Ramesh,
No.10, S.S.S. Building,A.V. Road, Chamrajpet, Bangalore 560018

NOTICE

The above appeal came up on 12.06.2023 before Hon'ble Mr.Justice A.A.Nakkiran, Madras High Court was pleased to order notice to you returnable by 10.07.2023. Take notice either appear in person or through counsel to defend the case whenever the above mentioned appeal listed before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras on 10.07.2023 at 10.30 a.m. Failing which, the matter will be decided in your absence.

C.THANGARAJU
Counsel for appellants.

TENDERS

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E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for the supply of Raw materials for the period **10th July 2023 to 30th September 2023.** Tender documents can be downloaded from the website **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.** For more details, please visit our website **www.oushadhi.org** or contact our Purchase Division at Kuttanellur.
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Thrissur Managing Director

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE "I" ADDI DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE AT DAVANGERE
R.A. No 41/2022

APPELLANT
Raja R.V. Jayaramachar S/ Late R. Venugopalachar, aged 70 years, Ra Dalaman, #605, Vakkalagert. Rashtrapathi Road, Nanjangud Town, Mysore District,
TO

RESPONDENTS
V.R.KULKARNI by LR S

RESPONDENTS :
1. b) Sri Mallari V. Kulkarni S/o. V.R.Kulkarni, Aged about 55 yrs Retd. Manager: Canara Bank, No.706,. Building No.3. Shanthi Park. 9 Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE.
c) Giriprasad V. Kulkarni S/o. V.K.Kulkarni,Aged about 41 yrs, Engineer, 103-A, III Main Road, CIL. Layout, 'A' Block, Sanjaynagar, BANGALORE-560094
d) Smt. Indrani W/o. husband name not known, Aged 50 years,
e) Smt. Vyjayanthi W/o. Girish Ananthmurthy, Aged 46 years,
f) Sri Ramaprasad S/o. Late V.R.Kulkarni, Aged 48 years,
(d) to (f) are C/o. Defendant No.1(a) i.e. Kote, Near Sree Harihareshwra Temple, Harihar City.
WHEREAS the plaintiff: Sri R.V. Jayaramachar has instituted the above appeal challenging the dismissal of suit bearing O.S.No.11/2014 passed by the " Learned Senior Civil Judge Court, Harihar and in which you 1(b) to (f) are respondents and are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader on the 19th.day of July, 2023 at 11-0' clock, to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 15th.day of June, 2023
By order and in the name of Chief Ministerial Officer, Hon'ble I Addl District. Judge

IN THE COURT OF 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL SESSION JUDGE MAYOHALL AT BANGLORE (CCH- 58)
O.S. NO. 25362/2023
Hg.dt. 15.06.2023

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001
Represented by its Officer and Power of Attorney Holder Ms. MANSI SINGH, Aged 24 years, D/o Mr. Anil Kumar Singh
fxnco1@yahoo.co.in
Phone No. 8041216669
...PLAINTIFF
VERSUS

Mrs. SUMATHI JOHN
S/o Mr. Kanakaraj John
Aged 55 years, No.221 2nd Floor, 7th Cross, 3rd Stage, 6th Block, Banashankri, Bangaluru-560085.
...DEFENDANT

Summons to Defendant

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.4,53,803.57/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Three and paisa Five Seven Only)** together with interest at the rate of 24% p.a., in **O.S. NO: 25362/2023** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 58,** Before Addl., City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appeal before the Hon'ble Court on the 01st day of August, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte. **Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 15th day of June, 2023.**

By order of the court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayohall
BENGALURU- 560 005

FX & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 001.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
WORLD BANK PROJECT DIVISION, AKOLA
E-TENDER NOTICE No.07/ 2023-2024
No. 2453/TC/ETN-07/2023/Date 14.06.2023
Online E-Tenders.

Online Tender are Invited by Executive Engineer, World Bank Project Division, Akola (Telephone No. 0724-2436995) **e-mail-wbakola.ee@mahapwd.com** for following works for **B-1** Works Sr. No. 1 to 10 from Competent Contractors (Register With P.W.D.) Government of Maharashtra Public Work Department in appropriate class. E-Tender can be downloaded from the **http://mahatenders.gov.in**. Other instruction can be seen in the e-tender form. Competant Authority Reserve the Right to Reject All or any one of the Tender. Conditional tender will be not be acepted.

Sr.No	Name of work	Estimated Cost
1	2	3
1	Improvement Maintenance and Repairs for Annual to Kalwaadi Varur Jaulka Kawsa Rel Dharel 0/00 to 21/600 (21.6 Km) (0/00 to 7/00 7.00Km) And Hingani Chohotta Nandkhed MDR-7 Km. 0/00 to 17/00 (17.0 Km) (0/00 to 14/00) (14.00 Km) Tq Akot District Akola..	5150315
2	Improvement Maintenance and Repairs for Annual to Ukali Bazar Ner Nandhkhed kinkhed Road SH-278 34/00 to 42/800,42/800 to 49/00, 49/00 to 50/00, 55/00 to 56/00 Tq Telhara District Akola.	4312979
3	Improvement Maintenance and Patsul Railway Station Varul Jaulka Rohankhed Road Km. 0/00 to 12/00 (0/00 to 12/00) (12.0 Km) Tq Akot District Akola.	2943255
4	Improvement Maintenance and Repairs for Annual to Khirkund Popatkhed MDR-34 Km. 0:00 to 22/700 (22.70 Km) (11/500 to 22/700) (11.20Km) Tq Akot District Akola.	2746776
5	Improvement Maintenance and Repairs for Annual to Harisal Akot Road Sh-281 Km. 64/600 to 80/100 (15.5 Km) (64/600 to 65/00,65/00 to 66/00 And 66/00 to 72/00) and Mohada Amboda Ruikhed Khirkund Road MDR-03 Km. 00/00 to 18/00 (7/00 to 11/500) Tq Akot District Akola.	2710315
6	Periodical Maintenance Telhara Wadi Adampur Ukali Bazar Wangargaon Adsul Road MDR- 38 Km. 11/00 to 21/600 Tq. Telhara District Akola.	2662934
7	Improvement Maintenance and Repairs for One Year to Ruikhed Panaj Savara Asegaon Punda 0/00 to 41/00 (13/300 to 17/00 and 17/00 to 20/00) And Akot Lohari Bk. Sirsoli Akoli Rupral Belkhed Road MDR-32 Km. 0/00 to 7/00 (Km 5/500 to 7/00) And Mankari Rajura Akolkhed Divthana Chandikapur Road MDR-35 Km. 0/00 to 20/00 (Km. 17/800 to 20/00) Tq. Akot District Akola.	2588931
8	Improvement Maintenance and Repairs for One Year Akot Lohari Bk. Sirsoli Kalegaon Akoli Ruprao Belkhed Road MDR-32 Km. 7/00 to 21/00, 14. 00 Km. (Km 13/00 to 21/00) 9.5 Km. Tq. Telhara District Akola.	2321067
9	Improvement Maintenance and Repairs for Annual to Danapur Hingani Gordha Malthana Adgaon Road MDR-39 Km. 0/00 to 17/800 17.80 Km. (0/00 to 7/00 7.0 Km) Tq. Telhara District Akola.	1650422
10	Periodical Maintenance Hiwarkhed Telbara Adsul Road Km. 00/00 to 33/600 (Km. 0/00 to 6:200) Tq. Telhara District Akola.	1550608

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6. Online Schedule in Applicable and Final

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(Pravin Sarnayak)
Executive Engineer
World Bank Project Division, Akola

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Woman trampled to death, another injured

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 60-year-old woman was trampled to death and another was injured when a wild elephant attacked them at Achalu village in Kanakapura in the early hours of Monday. The deceased has been identified as Jayamma, and the injured woman is Venkatalakshmmamma, 52. According to officials, both were part of a five-member women's group who were on their way to a sesame plantation to work as contract labourers.While the group was walking barely a few metres away from their residence, they noticed the elephant charging towards them. While the others ran to safety, Jayamma, and Venkatalakshmamma came under attack and were trampled by the agitated elephant. Venkatalakshmamma sustained multiple fractures and was rushed to Kanakapura government hospital from where she was shifted to a private hospital.

This is the third death reported in and around the area for the last 15 days.

Is Betelgeuse finally beating the retreat in constellation Orion?

The star Betelgeuse is around 500 light years away. If it were to explode, we will first detect a rain of massless particles called neutrinos, which will be harmless to us. After that, the star will quickly brighten. A week later it will shine with about the same brightness as the full moon

Albert Zijlstra

The bright, red star Betelgeuse in the constellation Orion has shown some unexpected behaviour. In late 2019 and 2020 it became fainter than we had ever seen it - at least in records going back more than a century. Briefly it became fainter (just about) than Bellatrix, the third brightest star of Orion. This event became known as the "great dimming".

But Betelgeuse has since become bright again. For a few days this year, it was the brightest star in Orion - brighter than we have ever seen it. Both events led to speculation about whether its demise in the form of an explosion is imminent. But is there any evidence to support this idea? And how would such an explosion affect us here on the earth?

Stars are, by and large, remarkably stable. They shine with the same brightness year after year. But there are exceptions and some stars - dubbed variable stars - change in brightness. Most famous is Mira, the "star of wonder", which was discovered as a variable star by the German pastor David Fabricius in 1596 -it is a pulsating star which regularly expands and contracts.

Algol is another well known example: it is periodically eclipsed by a companion star. There are around 30 such variable stars visible with the naked eye, although it requires care to notice their variation in brightness.

Betelgeuse, the seventh brightest star in the sky (discounting the Sun), is the brightest of the variable stars. Sometimes Betelgeuse becomes nearly as bright as Rigel (the blue fourth brightest star in the constellation), while at other times it is notably fainter. The variation is caused by pulsations, similar to those of Mira although not as large or as regular.

Sometimes, however, a star can briefly become extremely bright. The brightest and rarest among those are the supernovae, formed when an entire star ends its life in a powerful explosion.

Supernovae can be bright enough to be visible during the day, although that has only happened a few times in the past 1,000 years. A nearby, bright supernova is the kind of event astronomers live for - but which few of us will ever get to see. We live in hope.

Shining bright: An image of the constellation of Orion with Betelgeuse in the upper left hand corner in red. The Orion Molecular Cloud complex is shown in detail. ROGELIO BERNAL ANDREO

Mysterious behaviour

Although Betelgeuse is a variable star, the great dimming in 2021 was extreme. Within months, it had in fact dimmed by about 60%. This was eventually shown to be caused by a cloud. Stars such as Betelgeuse are continuously expelling gas and dust. A clump of gas in the wind, as large as the star itself, was obscuring half the star. In fact, images of the star showed the southern half of it to be missing. It appears that some stars, like Betelgeuse, have weather. That said, we still don't know what caused the sudden brightening - it is now 50% brighter than usual. But an impending supernova doesn't seem that likely. In these kinds of stars, a supernova explosion is triggered in the core. Brightness variations, on the other hand, are a surface phenomenon.

The extreme brightening may in fact be due to the same dust cloud that caused the dimming, now reflecting light from the star towards us and making it appear brighter.

But we can't be sure, and astronomers are excited. Betelgeuse is about 15- to 20-times more massive than the Sun, and stars of this mass are expected to end their lives in a powerful explosion known as a supernova. Betelgeuse's red colour shows it is a red supergiant, meaning it's already approaching the end of its life.

But that end may still be a million years away. Stars like Betelgeuse can live in excess of 10 million years - a very brief period to astronomers, but a very long time to anyone else.

Despite this, new models have been run, with some suggesting that a supernova could happen within a few thousand years, while others put this event at 1.5 million years into the future.

There are many mysteries around Betelgeuse. We don't know its precise mass - and even its distance is disputed. It is argued that the star merged with a smaller companion recently: this would explain why it rotates faster than expected. Large stars usually do.

Some ancient manuscripts refer to the star as similar to yellow-ish Saturn, rather than ruddy Mars. Has the star changed colour?

That could point at fast evolution, meaning a supernova may happen sooner rather than later.

Explosion dynamics

If Betelgeuse does go supernova, what would it look like? The star is around 500 light-years away. Following an explosion, we first would detect a rain of massless particles called neutrinos, which would be harmless to us. After that, the star would quickly brighten.

After one or two weeks it would shine with about the same brightness as the full Moon. Betelgeuse would then fade over the next several months but remain visible in the day time for six to 12 months. At night, you should be able to see it with the naked eye for another one or two years. But after that, we would never see it again. Orion would forever lose its red sparkle.

Is there any danger to us? Supernovae produce high energy particles called cosmic rays, which can get past the shield of the earth's magnetic field. But the amounts would be small compared to other radiation we receive for all but the nearest supernovae.

A supernova explosion would also create radioactive iron. In fact this substance has been found in the earth's seabed and on the Moon, believed to have formed in a supernova explosion between 2 and 3 million years ago. That supernova was perhaps 300 light-years from us,

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closer than Betelgeuse, but far enough to cause no major problems for life on the earth. A very close supernova, closer than 30 light-years, could cause major problems: the cosmic rays could cause ozone destruction and dangerous UV levels on the earth. It could reduce ozone by half over a period lasting hundred to thousands of years: this level is considered capable of causing an extinction event. But such a close supernova would be very rare, and may happen only once per billion years.

Ultimately, Betelgeuse may still be around for some time. And that's good, as it is a fascinating and mysterious star. We still have a lot to learn from it.

(Albert Zijlstra is Professor of astrophysics, University of Manchester. This article is republished from The Conversation.*)*

Groundwater pumped from the earth and moved elsewhere to quench the thirst of human activity has resulted in the Earth's axis tilting nearly 80 cm to the east. YOUSUF MOHAMMED

Groundwater extraction has affected the earth's tilt: new study

Arkatapa Basu

Groundwater pumped up from the earth and moved elsewhere to quench the thirst of humans and their activities has caused the earth's axis to tilt nearly 80 cm to the east, a new study has found.

Unlike a globe, which has a fixed axis and rotates stably, the earth's axis wobbles. It's more like a spinning top gone off-kilter, where the planet's rotational pole – a point on the axis about which the planet rotates – tends to wander in a circular pattern several metres wide every year due to the weather, seasonal changes, the molten core, and even powerful hurricanes.

Scientists have been able to track this motion relative to astronomical phenomena such as the centres of bright galaxies or quasars. Scientists have also known for a long time that the movement of water can affect the earth's rotation. A study published in 2016, for example, showed how the movement of water around the world contributed to the wobble in the earth's axis.

The scientists also said that the location of groundwater depletion is important because that affects how much the axis wanders. With their model, they found that pumping groundwater from mid-latitude areas affected the drift the most

But the role of groundwater extraction had not been considered before.

A group of scientists at the Seoul National University, led by Proffesor Ki-Weon Seo, built and used a climate model that linked the shift in the earth's axis with the movement of water through melting ice caps and glaciers.

The numbers did not add up. They added the effects of water stored in reservoirs and dams but to no avail.

The model only matched the observed drift of the axis once they added groundwater to the equation.

"I'm very glad to find the unexplained cause of the rotation pole drift," Dr. Seo said in a press release. "On the other hand, as a resident of the earth and a father, I'm concerned and surprised to see that pumping groundwater is another source of sea-level rise."

Indeed, the study found that nearly 2,150 billion tonnes of groundwater have been pumped and drained into the oceans between 1993 and 2010, raising sea levels by 6.24 mm.The scientists also said that the location of groundwater depletion is important because that affects how much the axis wanders.

With their model, they found that pumping groundwater from mid-latitude areas affected the drift the most. They also found that the most amount of groundwater redistribution took place in northwest India and western North America, both mid-latitude regions.

Groundwater depletion has been a particular concern across India since the past decade. About 95% of the groundwater extracted in India is used to irrigate agricultural fields.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Running rings around chemistry

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

An important area of chemistry research concerns molecules called macrocycles, which are ring-shaped molecules with at least X atoms. X = ?

QUESTION 2

A rotaxane is a molecule in the shape of a dumbbell, with a macrocycle encircling its central connecting portion.

A catenane consists of two macrocycles arranged in what way?

QUESTION 3

Y consist of at least three macrocycles interlocked with each other.

In 2004, researchers led by J. Fraser Stoddart synthesised Y using dynamic covalent chemistry. For this and other work, Dr. Stoddart shared the Nobel Prize for chemistry in 2016. Name Y.

QUESTION 4

A macrocycle that has atoms of at least two types is said to be heterocyclic.

A famous class of heterocyclic macrocycles is Z.

One member of this class is heme, a molecule used in our bodies to make haemoglobin. Name Z, derived from the Greek word for 'purple'.

QUESTIONS 5

Plants have a molecule derived from Z (in the previous question) that is crucial to their well-being.

This is because Z strongly absorbs light and converts it into heat. Name the molecule.

Answers to June 16 quiz:

1. Term for the human body's natural response to stressors – **Ans: Fight-or-flight response**
2. Ability of some individuals to digest lactose into adulthood – **Ans: Lactase persistence**
3. Scientist who coined the term "survival of the fittest" to describe the process of natural selection – **Ans: Herbert Spencer**
4. Theory that suggests humans are naturally drawn to specific facial features – **Ans: Baby schema (Kindchenschema)**
5. Mutation linked to increased resistance against malaria – **Ans: Sickle cell trait**

Visual: Darwin's point

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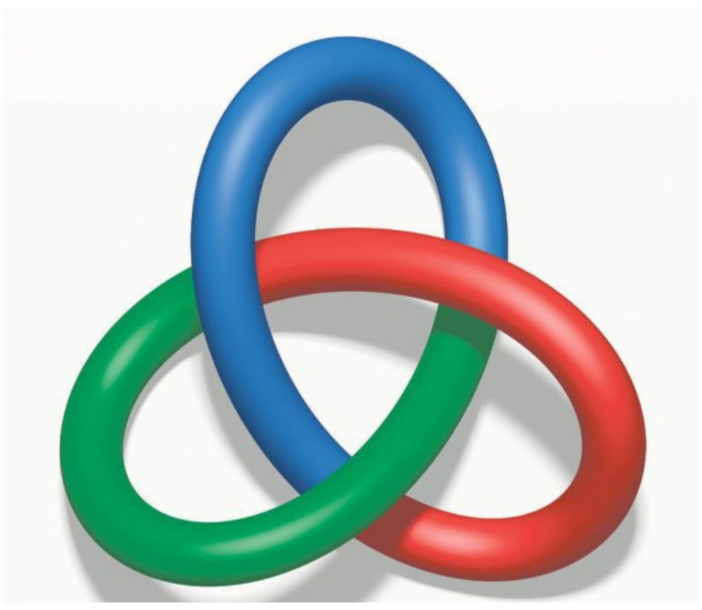

Visual: In 1993, Jean-Pierre Sauvage and his team synthesised a molecule in the shape of this knot, helping him win a share of the 2016 chemistry Nobel Prize. Name this knot. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Guidance value of properties to be revised after 4.5 years

The last revision of guidance value was carried out in 2018, which came into force from January 1, 2019; Department of Stamps and Registration to come out with a draft of new guidance values soon

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government is all set to revise the guidance value of properties shortly. The Department of Stamps and Registration has already started reassessing property values and will soon come out with a draft of the new guidance values.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said the last revision of guidance value was carried out in 2018, which came into force from January 1, 2019, which meant guidance value hadn't been revised for four-and-a-half years.

The guidance value had not been revised owing to the hit the real estate sector took during the pandemic. The previous BJP government even gave a 10% rebate in guidance value during two three-month intervals in 2022.

"This is a backlog and we need to bring the guidance value on a par with market value as far as possible to avoid circulation of black money. If the guidance value was higher than the market value, it would even be reduced," the Minister said. He said the final decision would be taken soon and refused to elaborate on the possible quantum of revision.

The market value of properties had risen up to 50% in the intervening period since the last revision of guidance value, sources in the Department of Stamps and Registration said. The revision of guidance value will bridge this gap as far as possible, sources said, indicating the possible quantum of revision.

The guidance value had not been revised owing to the hit the real estate sector took during the pandemic. The previous BJP government even gave a 10% rebate in guidance value during two three-month intervals in 2022. FILE PHOTO

The decision to revise guidance value has been met with opposition from the real estate sector. Suresh Hari, of CREDAI - Bengaluru, said the market that had taken a big hit during the pandemic had recovered to pre-pandemic levels over the last three quarters and a guidance value revision would again hit the market. "Last year, the State government gave a 10% rebate in guidance value for two intervals and saw the number of transactions and hence revenue mop up increase significantly. This should be the guiding principle for the new government and we hope there is no revision," he said.

However, given the bouyancy in the market over the last fiscal, indicated by overshooting of revenue targets set in the budget and increase in both the number of transactions and the market value of properties, the government has decided to revise guidance value, sources said.

"The pandemic has spurred investment in real estate, maybe because of savings during pandemic years due to low spending. Amendments to the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 1961, in 2020 removing restrictions on who can own agricultural land has also spurred investments. The share of property transactions and even revenue of all districts put together outside Bengaluru was around 30% before the amendment and it is now almost half of the total," a senior officer said.

Resource mobilisation

The State government is also keen on resource mobilisation to implement its five "guarantee schemes" and the revision of guidance value, a long-pending proposal, which is expected to fetch more revenue for the government will be carried out, sources said.

The revenue target set for 2022-23 - ₹15,000 crore - was breached and a whopping ₹17,800 crore was collected, indicating the buoyancy in the real estate sector. This prompted former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to set a higher target of ₹19,000 crore for 2023-24, which is all set to be increased by a large measure in the new budget Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is all set to present on July 7. Despite the Assembly elections and the adoption of a new software Kaveri 2.0, revenue collection has shot up by over ₹200 crore during the April-June quarter.

Though there was also a proposal to hike stamp duty, the CM, who chaired a pre-budget review meeting of the Department on Monday, is reportedly not keen on the same.

The trial run of the Bengaluru to Dharwad Vande Bharat Express under way on Monday.

Bengaluru -Dharwad Vande Bharat trial run begins

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The trial run of the Bengaluru-Dharwad Vande Bharat Express began on Monday. The eight-car train left Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna railway station in Bengaluru at 5.45 a.m. and reached Dharwad around 12.40 p.m.

In the return direction, it left Dharwad at 1.15 p.m., and was expected to reach Bengaluru at 8.10 p.m.

During the trial run, the train halted at Yesvantpur (Yeshwantpur), Davangere and Hubballi railway stations.

This is the second Vande Bharat Express in Karnataka, and the first to be running within Karnataka. The first was the Mysuru-Bengaluru-Chennai Vande Bharat Express.

According to sources, the railways plan to launch the service for commuters on June 26.

High Court gives State govt. 12 weeks to redo BBMP ward delimitation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday gave 12 weeks to the State government to redo the delimitation of wards of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) as per the law.

A Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice M.G.S. Kamal, passed the order on an appeal filed by B.N. Manjunath Reddy and three others. The petitioners had questioned the November 16, 2022, verdict of a single judge, who had found no fault in the delimitation process and the delimitation notification issued on July 14, 2022.

The Bench passed the order by accepting the appeal after the Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty said there is a need to redo the delimitation to rectify the errors pointed out by the appellants.

It was contended in the appeal that delimitation was not proper on several aspects, including disproportionate distribution of population among wards with some wards having higher population and some considerably low population.

The delimitation process had ignored the geographical, physical details, and communication and health facilities causing inconvenience to the public at large, and the major roads, storm-water drains, and train tracks were unscientifically split so that they run through two or more wards.

"The single judge failed to appreciate that the blocks consisting of people having the same social and cultural practices have been separated as opposed to keeping them intact for conventional purposes. This will greatly inconvenience the general population who would be deprived of the basic essential facilities guaranteed to them under the law," it was contended in the appeal.

Armed with HC stay, developer halts BBMP demolition drive halfway

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hours after the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) started a demolition drive at Fern City, an upscale private layout, the developer secured a stay from the High Court halting the works. The civic body has been facing tough challenges from property owners who are moving court to halt the drive.

BBMP engaged in the demolition work at Fern City, Doddenakundi, on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Before the court granted the stay, the BBMP demolished a swimming pool, a portion of a clubhouse, compound walls, and the sewage treatment plant inside Fern City at Doddanekundi, Hoysalanagar in Mahadevapura. The civic body officials were accompanied by an earthmover, 10 gangmen, and 40 police to execute the demolition of encroached properties on survey numbers 24/1, 3, 4, and 5. These structures were sitting on 200 m of rajakaluve, officials alleged, adding that another 200 metres of a storm-water drain was closed to create a site. The BBMP opened the drain here.

Basavaraj Kabade, Chief Engineer (SWD), BBMP, said the work was halted after the developer showed the HC order. The legal team of the BBMP will work towards vacating stays to continue work in order to avert flooding.

At K.R. Puram, the BBMP demolished four commercial complexes and one car service centre. In Bommanahalli, it demolished six complexes. The structures had encroached a space designated for a park at a BDA-approved layout at Thippasandra in Anjanapura ward.

Firm owner's drunken brawl leads to non-payment of salaries to employees

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

An alleged midnight drunken brawl at a plush hotel in the city has now led to non-payment of salaries to several employees who are working in private firms run by the accused. The FIR was registered at R.T. Nagar police station on June 10.

A private bank has now frozen 14 current accounts of multiple firms run by the accused identified as Vedant Daggar. The accounts were blocked at the request of the R.T. Nagar police on Friday. Having accounts frozen, the companies are reportedly unable to make any transactions due to which salaries of at least 140 workers are pending.

It all began on Friday around 9.45 p.m., when the accused Vedant encountered Darshan Govindaraju. Mr. Govindaraju, in his complaint, alleged that Vedant, who was his friend, met him at a hotel and used abusive language asking why he did not strike up a conversation. The duo came to the hotel to attend a wedding event of a common friend. Mr. Govindaraju said he ignored and moved away from him. "Around 1 a.m. on Saturday, while I was walking towards the second floor to have dinner, Vedant came near me with a liquor bottle in his hand. He then hit me near my neck and shoulder with the same bottle and I collapsed. I was bleeding," Mr. Govindaraju said, adding that he was rushed to a private hospital. The police say that the accused is absconding.

A friend of Vedant claimed that it was a false complaint and there were no injuries. "The police are acting hastily in this case and have now frozen accounts, making it impossible to pay salaries," he alleged.

The R.T. Nagar police said they are simply doing their duty by filing an FIR, and there were instructions from higher-ups to send requests to the bank to block accounts as he was absconding.

CoP creates awareness on women's safety

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

City Police Commissioner B. Dayananda on Monday took BMTC bus rides to create awareness about women's safety. He was followed by other senior officers.

The women officers spoke to the women in different areas about safety measures like the Suraksha app, women's safety island and women's helpdesk apart from 112 emergency response system at their service.

It may be recalled that soon after taking charge as city police chief, Mr. Dayananda reiterated that women's safety is a top priority on his list.

Timely intervention saves woman's fingers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

When a 32-year-old resident of a village in Kolar district accidentally injured her right hand in an electrical fodder cutting machine on Sunday, her fingers were completely severed. However, timely intervention – right from the preservation of the severed fingers and rushing the patient to a hospital for surgery - helped in the restoration of her fingers.

The woman initially went to a hospital in Kolar and after getting first aid, she was brought to HOSMAT hospital. She reached the hospital within four hours after the accident that left her ring finger completely severed from the right hand at the proximal finger joint (amputation). Besides, her middle finger - tendons, nerves and blood vessels were cut with dislocation of joint, doctors at HOSMAT said.

"They brought the cut fingers in a clean, plastic bag, in a tiffin carrier with ice. Timely intervention helped in replantation of her fingers," said Ajith Benedict Rayan, Medical Director at HOSMAT.

Hospital chairman Thomas Chandy, who is also the Chief of Orthopaedics, said two plastic and micro vascular surgeons operated on the patient using a Special Operative Microscope. All the severed arteries, veins, nerves and tendons were reconstructed and broken bones were fixed using surgical wires in a five-hour procedure, he said.

"The patient is recuperating and has complained of pain in the fingers, which indicates that the nerves are beginning to function and that the surgery has been successful. The patient will be discharged in a couple of days," he added.

Timings
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TUESDAY, JUN. 20	
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RISE 07:31	SET 20:49
WEDNESDAY, JUN. 21	
RISE 05:55	SET 18:48
RISE 08:23	SET 21:35
THURSDAY, JUN. 22	
RISE 05:55	SET 18:48
RISE 09:15	SET 22:15

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	32	26
Mysuru	33	21
Bengaluru	28	22

Bengaluru Today
32°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm and humid. Chances of moderate rain and thundershower. Night also will be pleasant.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night will be comfortable.Spell of light rain or thundershower will occur.

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Gleneagles Global Hospitals, a renowned multi-specialty hospital with over 15 years of excellence in healthcare, continues to spearhead advancements in medical services. With a steadfast commitment to delivering exceptional patient care, Gleneagles Global Hospitals proudly announces its latest achievements and initiatives. From the relaunch of their state-of-the-art Laboratory Services equipped with cutting-edge technology and staffed by renowned technicians, to the unveiling of revamped departments such as the Cancer Institute and Neurology OPD, They are at the forefront of providing world-class healthcare. Their dedication to fostering a positive work environment is evident through the introduction of the Joy@Work program and the establishment of a modern Doctors Lounge. These developments, coupled with the launch of their lovable mascot BRAVO, further reinforce their patient-centric approach and unwavering commitment to excellence. Gleneagles Global Hospitals remains dedicated to enhancing the well-being and quality of life for their patients, while continuously striving for innovation and advancement in healthcare services.

Bhima Jewellers launches New showroom in Belagavi

Bhima Jewellers launched their new showroom in Belagavi. With this, Bhima Jewellers now has 18 stores across Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu. Mr. Vishnusharan Bhat, Managing Director of Bhima Jewellers, inaugurated the store on 9th June, 2023. 'The Belagavi Showroom is North Karnataka's largest showroom. With 4 floors, the store has dedicated spaces for Gold, Diamonds, and Silver and extensive collections for all to shop from. He was delighted at the turnout and grateful for the love shown by Belagavi. & hope all can come and experience their store.' says Mr. Vishnusharn Bhat. With offers on Gold, Diamonds, Silver, and Old Gold Exchange, this launch is definitely a grand event.

C. Krishniah Chetty Group Of Jewellers launch "crash.club"

C. Krishniah Chetty Group proudly introduces crash.club, a brand-new collection in the world of fast-fashion silver jewellery, specifically tailored to meet the discerning tastes of the Gen Z. Mr. Chaitanya V Cotha, Executive Director, C. Krishniah Chetty Group Of Jewellers said: Quality stands at the forefront of crash.club. All the products are crafted from high-grade materials backed with 150 years of legacy. A portion of the earnings is dedicated to preserving the endangered rhinos in Africa and Asia noble mission, giving the customers an opportunity to not just look good, but to feel good, too, knowing that their purchases contribute to a significant environmental cause. Whether you're looking to glam up for a special occasion or seeking that perfect piece to enhance your everyday style, crash.club is your go-to destination.

Girias inaugurated their 128th store at K R Puram & 129th store at Gauribidanur GIRIAS - "The One Stop Shop for Consumer Durable Needs".

Girias opened their 128th new store at K R Puram which was inaugurated by President of Hairer India Pvt Ltd Mr N S Satish, Managing Director of Girias Mr P L Giria, Director Mr H R Giria, Mr Manish Giria, Mr Praveen Giria, Mr Rishab Giria, Mr Sahil Giria & Land Lord Mr Nagaraj. Girias is one of the oldest consumer durables retailers in the country. Set up in 1971 with a 200 sq.ft. Store, GIRIAS today spans across several cities. It is their commitment to make each visit a memorable experience for our customer, which has helped GIRIAS to become one of the Biggest Consumer Durable brands in the country. Girias welcome one & all to visit their 128th at K R Puram & 129th Store at Gauribidanur "

Celebration of World Blood Donor Day at KIOCL Ltd

Under the aegis of GOI, Department of Health & Family Welfare, MoH & FW, World Blood Donor Day was celebrated in KIOCL Corporate Office & Mangaluru unit. The theme for 2023 is "Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often. In association with St. John's Medical College Hospital, Bengaluru, KIOCL organised Blood Donation Camp on 14.06.2023 in St. John's Hospital. Officers, employees & contract labour donated blood. Shri T Saminathan, CMD, Dr Shrinivasulu, Medical Superintendent, KIOCL , Medical team from St John's Hospital were present on the occassion. At Mangaluru, in association with KMC Hospital , medical camp was organised at Nehru Bhavan ,KIOCL Township, Kavoor, Mangaluru. A good response was received from Employees, contract workers and CISF personnel donated blood.

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Star-gazing is the rage again in city, as planetarium sees spike in footfall

The number of people walking in post-pandemic has been good. It has seen a footfall of about 1 lakh in the current financial year so far

Yemen S.
BENGALURU

The Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium is not just a landmark in Bengaluru, but a sweet childhood memory for many Bengalureans. Remember those days when you packed a small snack in your backpack and headed along with your schoolmates or family to gaze at our solar system displayed from a huge star projector? While this has been an unforgettable experience for many Bengalureans, with the city getting larger by each year, and life getting busier, the planetarium saw gradual dip in its footfall.

However, in the post-COVID-19 era, it has changed. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Pramod G. Galagali, Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, said, "There has been a wonderful growth in the footfall at the planetarium since last year, that is post-COVID-19."

According to information provided by the planetarium, before the pandemic, and during the period, the planetarium saw a footfall of 2.5 lakh. "However, post-COVID-19, that is the year of 2022, has been great for the planetarium, as we had a footfall close to 3.9-4 lakh," said the Director. Mr. Galagali added that this year has been prolific too for the planetarium, as it has already seen a footfall of 1 lakh in the current financial year.

Not many school visits

Ever since the inception of the planetarium in Bengaluru, schools organizing a visit to the planetarium has become more of a norm or tradition. However, Mr. Galagali emphasized that there has been a small dip in the number of school visits. The Director of the planetarium said, "The number of children visiting the planetarium with their parents has been good, however, children visiting as students on an educational tour from schools has dipped during and post-COVID-19."

The Director added that post-pandemic the students and teachers had a lot to catch up on academically, and the schools are focused on getting back on track. "Workload has increased. The schools have become very concerned about tests and projects and reports to be submitted. A new building is being constructed beside the planetarium, which has a seating capacity of 600 and more space for displays. We are soon beginning a program for students in primary schools too. Hopefully, this academic year we will see more group visits from schools," Mr. Galagali added.

New programme on gravity

Starting June 17, the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium has started showcasing a new programme called "Gravity - The mover and maker of the universe". The programme will be showcased at 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m., replacing the existing programme "Celestial Fireworks". The programme has been directed and developed by the Assistant Director of the planetarium H.R. Madhusudhan. Talking about the new programme, Mr. Madhusudhan said, "The new programme at the planetarium will explain Newton's Gravitational Law and Einstein's Theory of Relativity using visuals, which is easier to understand." It will be a treat not just for the general public, but a great tool to understand gravity for many astronomy students, the Assistant Director added.

The programme will also talk about the existence of black holes, and many astronomical theories. For the general public to understand the programme better, the planetarium has four displays and a few installations that will help you learn scientific jargon and understand the basics of gravity before watching the programme. Mr. Galagali said that the new programme has been long overdue. "The inception of the gravity programme started close to three years ago, however, with the COVID-19 pandemic coming, we did not have enough infrastructure and time to work on this."

A file photo of the launch of the Hybrid Projection System at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium. PTI

Science enthusiasts gather to observe Zero Shadow Day at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium on April 25. FILE PHOTO

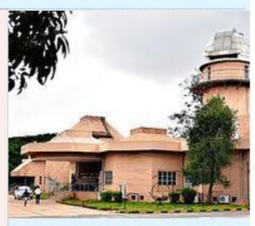
What to expect at the planetarium

Sky Theatre

- Our solar system 12.30 p.m. (English), 2.30 p.m. (Kannada)
- Gravity - The mover and maker of the universe – 3.30 p.m. (Kannada), 4:30 p.m. (English)
- Dawn of the space age (Showcased only on Saturdays & Sundays) - 10.30 a.m. (English), 11.30 a.m. (Kannada)

Science Park

- With a science park on its campus consisting of over 40 exhibits, visitors can use these interactive exhibits to learn science and also have fun at the same time. This includes interactive installations like the crystal gym, rotating platform, whispering dish, optic tree, revolving chair, model of DNA and many more



Know Your Stars

- The planetarium has a monthly sky gazing programme titled "Know Your Stars". Dates of the programme are announced on the Department of Science and Technology website whenever scheduled

Exhibition Hall

- The thematic exhibitions comprise the shows running in the Sky Theatre. The exhibition has a display of posters, video explainers and astro-facts on running message boards and installations

Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium Club

- The planetarium conducts several activities throughout the year, which are of interest to astronomy lovers. One can become a member of the JNP Club by registering at the planetarium. The JNP organises several academic activities, like workshops for students, teachers, and science exhibitions. Schools can subscribe to school membership by paying an annual fee

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Assistant Director of the planetarium

Stars on the move

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It is not just the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium that has seen a surge in its footfall post-COVID-19, but demand for mobile planetariums has also increased in the city. An organization called Taare Zameen Par, run by Dinesh Badagandi, founder and CEO of Varnaaz Technologies, says life has taken a U-turn post-COVID-19.

The mobile planetarium Taare Zameen Par is a movable and inflatable planetarium that caters to students and astronomy lovers in Bengaluru and 11 districts across Karnataka. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Dinesh Badangadi said there had been a fall in requests during the pandemic, but things have changed now.

"I had decided to retire and shift to my hometown Hubballi, we even constructed a house there. However, post-Covid we started getting many calls requesting to set up the mobile planetarium in schools and science associations. I have renovated my house in Bengaluru and moved back here because of this," Mr. Badagandi added.

Hope for more funds

Taare Zameen Par is also funded by the Karnataka Government under its programme called Shala Angaladalli Taralaya which was started in 2017. Seven out of eleven mobile planetariums are funded by the State. Mr. Badagandi said that funds stopped coming in after the government changed back in 2018. "Hopefully with the new government coming in this year, we will start receiving funds again, to set up at least one planetarium in each district," he added.

A mobile planetarium.

A space for all generations to get closer to nature together

The two-day festival, Kupu, was held with the idea of using inquisitiveness as a tool to introduce people to nature

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

When National Geographic explorer K. Ramnath Chandrasekhar and former corporate educator Rachita Sinha decided to hold a festival for climate action in Bengaluru, they didn't have to think a lot about what to name it. The couple being huge believers of the Hawaiian philosophy of wayfinding, they named it 'Kupu' which means 'to sprout' in Hawaiian.

The first such event held by Coonoor-based NGO Youth Conservation Action Network (YouCAN) run by Ms. Sinha and Mr. Chandrasekar, the festival seems to have succeeded in sprouting curiosity, inquisitiveness and love for nature in the minds of the close to 1,000 Bengalureans who attended it.

"National Geographic Explorer Vikram Singh had ridden all the way from Palampur in Himachal Pradesh with his natural history museum exhibit that had more than 300 specimens including butterflies, insects, exoskeletons, bones, seeds and so on. It was supposed to be a three-hour workshop over three timeslots. But as people just kept walking in, the slots just dissolved and it ended up being a 14-hour-long exhibition," said Mr. Chandrasekhar.

Artists, educators, writers, musicians, meme makers, policy experts and people from various quarters of society came together to hold workshops, exhibitions and discussions at the event.

A space for all

The two-day festival held at the Bangalore International Centre on June 17 and 18 stemmed from the founders' idea of using education and inquisitiveness towards nature as a tool to introduce kids to nature. Artists, educators, writers, musicians, meme makers, policy experts and people from various quarters of society came together to hold workshops, exhibitions and discussions. The festival was supported by Rohini Nilekani philanthropies and the Rainmatter Foundation.

"The coming together of community ideas and a space for all generations – that was what we envisioned. We wanted people of all generations – grandparents, parents, kids - to come together and have fun," said Ms Sinha. While workshops on climate anxiety saw participation from a lot of youngsters, paper-making and bubble-making workshops were thronged by kids.

Ms. Sinha noted that it was important to encourage careers in environmental sciences. "If a child wants to pursue a career in climate space or environmental sciences, it's really hard to explain that to the parents. If we make an arrangement where parents are also experiencing what the kids are experiencing, then they understand it better."

Bengaluru, the ideal location

Mr. Chandrashekar noted that Bengaluru was chosen as the location for the festival for many reasons. "We wanted a space which was cosmopolitan and accepting of different cultures. We felt Bengaluru was one such space."

Ms. Sinha added to it saying that the aptitude for risk-taking and innovation in the space of environment and climate is palatable in Bengaluru.

"There was a goof-up initially. We printed a few invites which said the event would start at 9 am. But people who were more familiar with the city advised us to push it to 11 am. But by then a few invites had gone out. On the day of the festival, while we were still setting up, people who had received the initial invites walked in. They came in as participants and became our volunteers. It was really nice to see people owning the space," she said.

The event was also in honour of Ramki Sreenivasan, a former board member of YouCAN and wildlife photographer from Bengaluru who passed away in December 2022.

"Inspiration and action come at the point of interconnectedness. At Kupu, while you are attending an art workshop, there is also a workshop running parallelly which talks about eco-anxiety. There are multiple pathways that open through these experiences and they make sense when combined. Such interconnected offerings are enriching. That is what we strived for the festival," Mr. Chandrashekar said.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 20, 1973

Opposition Stalls Passing of Mysore Services Bill

BANGALORE, June 19: The Opposition in the Legislative Council to-day succeeded in getting the Mysore State Civil Services (Regulation of Promotion, Pay and Pension) Bill, 1973, referred to an all-Opposition select committee of the House. A motion to that effect moved by Mr. S.R. Bommai (Cong O) was carried by a voice vote.

The combined Opposition has a strength of 32 in the 63 member House. Twenty-seven Opposition members and 21 Congress members were present when the vote was taken. The Chief Minister, Mr. Devaraj Urs, made a vain bid to get the bill passed and appealed to the Opposition to withdraw the motion and support the Bill. Intervening after the Law Minister, Mr. D.K. Naicker's reply to the debate, Mr. Urs said that the Opposition was pressing the motion as more of its members were present.

Capitation Fees: Urs Replies to MLC's Charge

BANGALORE, June 19: The Chief Minister, Mr. Devaraj Urs, and the Health Minister, Mr. H.S.Siddaveerappa, decried in the Legislative Council to-day the tendency among members to make vague allegations against Ministers and challenged a Congress-O member, Mr. S.R. Bommai, to come out with specific charges he might have against Mr. Siddaveerappa concerning the collection of capitation fee and the allotment of seats in the Davanagere Medical College.

When the affairs of the College figured in the House, there were complaints from members that big sums as capitation fees were being collected by some medical colleges, ignoring the Government order that no college should collect more than Rs. 5,000 as capitation fee. Mr. Bommai said the affairs of the Davanagere College had agitated the people. There were also allegations against some persons including an MLA and the Health Minister.

INBRIEF

FILE PHOTO

Theft at SBI branch in Arkalgud, attender held

A person working as an attender at an SBI branch at Belawadi in Arkalgud taluk of Hassan district has been accused of taking away gold ornaments worth over ₹90 lakh mortgaged by customers.

Bank officials filed a police complaint against Lava, 39, who has been with the bank for the last 10 years. He was recruited through an outsourcing agency. The accused allegedly replaced gold ornaments mortgaged by customers for loans with fake gold. This happened for over a year. Anuradha T., assistant general manager, SBI, Hassan, filed the complaint on June 14. Based on it, the Konanur police registered a case.

State appoints district in-charge Secretaries

The State government has appointed Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secreataries and Secreataries as in-charge Secretaries for different districts.

They are supposed to monitor implementation of development projects, redress grievances of people and undertake surprise visits besides filing report to the government on progress of works.

Govt. pulling its socks up as State stares at drought

There is some level of panic, and we are monitoring the situation, says Krishna Byre Gowda

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With delayed monsoon and deficient rainfall across Karnataka, the government is gearing up to declare the State as drought-hit.

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru on Monday, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said the State government was in "panic" as districts across Karnataka were facing a severe rainfall deficiency.

"As of Monday, there is a rainfall deficiency in all districts. If there is no improvement, we will have to start discussing the possibility of declaring a drought in the first week of July," Mr Gowda said.

The south-west monsoon entered Karnataka about 10 days ago. "But we are in some level of panic. The government is cautiously monitoring the situation. Weather experts are expecting a recovery. We are monitoring the rainfall every day," the Minister said. "The State government is hopeful," he added.

A view of a jackwell-cum-pump house which supplies water to Bailhongal town from Malaprabha river. Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda has said that over 800 habitations in the State are facing drinking water scarcity. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

The India Meteorological Department forecast stated that Karnataka should get 96-104% rainfall this year. There was no proposal before the government on cloud seeding as of now, he said.

The entry of monsoon into Karnataka was delayed by one week. Cyclone Biparjoy has sucked out moisture from southern India, Mr. Gowda said, explaining the reason for the shortfall in rains.

More than 800 habitations across Karnataka were facing drinking water problem. These habitations were depending either on tankers or rented borewells for drinking water supply, the Minister added.

Coastal districts

The coastal districts received rainfall in the last 24 hours. While Udupi received 27 mm rainfall, Dakshina Kannada received 46 mm, and Uttara Kannada 20 mm. According to weather experts, he said monsoon will pick up in Kalyana Karnataka region from June 20. "Earlier, scientists had said that the monsoon would be weak in the third week of June, and pick up by the end of the month." Karnataka had good pre-monsoon showers of 116 mm as against the normal of 115 mm. But the State was facing a huge deficit of rain now, Mr. Gowda said.

Congress files plaint against BJP leaders for 'malicious' video on Rahul Gandhi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress leader and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge and party spokesperson Ramesh Babu, on Monday, complained to the police seeking action against Bharatiya Janata Party leaders for their illegal offences against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with the intention to incite enmity and hatred in the society.

Malviya blamed

In a complaint to the High Grounds police here, Mr. Kharge and Mr. Babu said in the video shared by the BJP IT cell in-charge Amit Malviya, Mr. Gandhi has been made a target of a malicious and false 3D animated video, and it was endorsed by BJP president J.P. Nadda and senior leader Arun Sood.

The video was circulated on June 17, 2023 on Mr. Malviya's Twitter handle, with a clear and malicious intent of not only tarnishing Mr. Gandhi's and Congress reputation, but to instigate communal discord and misrepresent the party and its leaders' persona, they said.

The Congress leaders alleged that "'it is pertinent to mention that the video employs mimicry to misrepresent Mr. Gandhi and the INC's views and projects the party as well as the leaders as anti-national elements. It features altered versions of Mr. Gandhi's speeches, propagating false narratives."

"The derogatory portrayal will undoubtedly create hatred between people of different religions and propagate communal disharmony", the complaint alleged.

The animated video is created and published at the behest of Mr. Malviya, Mr. Sood, BJP State president of Chandigarh, and Mr. Nadda who are all implicated in this criminal act, they alleged.

"Considering the severity of these offences, it is crucial that an FIR is registered immediately for offences punishable under the Indian Penal Code," Mr. Kharge and Mr. Babu said.

Congress fields Shettar, Boseraju, and Thippannappa for Council election

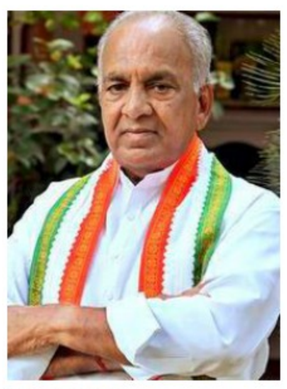
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ending speculation over nomination of party's candidates for the Legislative Council election, the Congress on Monday announced Minister for Minor Irrigation N.S. Boseraju, former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar, and former MLC Thippannappa Kamaknoor as its nominees in the byelection to be held on June 30.

Three vacant seats

The Karnataka Legislative Assembly members will exercise franchise for the three seats that fell vacant owing to resignations of Baburao Chinchansur, Laxman Savadi and R. Shankar, all of whom resigned from BJP to contest in the elections. While Mr. Chinchansur and Mr. Savadi contested from Congress, Mr. Shankar contested from NCP. However, only Mr. Savadi managed to win.

Jagadish Shettar



N.S. Boseraju

Thippannappa Kamaknoor

Mr. Shettar, who joined Congress before the Assembly elections, but lost the Hubballi-Dharwad Central seat that he represented six times on BJP ticket, was speculated to get the seat. Once elected, his tenure will run up to June 14, 2028. Mr. Boseraju, who was inducted into the Cabinet despite not being a member of either Houses of the legislature, after getting elected will have a tenure upto June 17, 2024. A former MLC, Mr. Kamaknoor's term will run till June 30, 2026. He had served as MLC during the erstwhile Congress government for a short term, and is a close associate of AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge.

Mr. Chinchansur, who was expecting to be nominated for elections by the Congress, has been denied the seat. Ahead of the Assembly polls in May, he had quit his membership from the Legislative Council and the BJP to rejoin the Congress.

He was widely expected to be nominated by the Congress. Party sources, however, said that the decision to not nominate Mr. Chinchansur was conveyed to him before the list was announced. His advanced age and failing health was considered before the list was finalised, party sources said.

Communal violence: Families of six victims get ₹25L each, jobs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday gave a compensation cheque of ₹25 lakh each and announced jobs to the families of six people who were killed in communal incidents since 2018.

The Chief Minister said the government would take steps to prevent such "unnatural deaths" in the State.

Deepak Rao was killed on January 3, 2018; Masood on July 19, 2022; Mohammed Fazil on July 28, 2022, Abdul Jalil on December 24, 2022; all from Dakshina Kannada; Idrish Pasha (Mandya) on March 31, 2023, and Shamir (Gadag) on January 17, 2022.

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While Deepak Rao was hacked to death when Mr. Siddaramaiah was the Chief Minister five-and-a-half years ago, the other five lost their lives during the Bharatiya Janata Party rule.

The Chief Minister said the previous BJP government discriminated against people while giving relief and gave compensation only to the family members of Praveen Nettar, a BJP leader from Dakshina Kannada, and Harsha, a Bajrang Dal activist, from Shivamogga who were killed last year.

The previous BJP government did not give compensation to next of kin of the six victims, the Chief Minister said. "Today we are doing justice to their families. Along with that, we will investigate the case and ensure punishment to the guilty involved in the crime. We will provide jobs to them because everyone should be looked at equally," the Chief Minister said.

Cases to be probed

He also said the government will get the cases investigated to ensure punishment to the guilty. The Chief Minister also cautioned against communal clashes and moral policing in the State.

Property registration to be hassle-free under Kaveri 2.0

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said on Monday that Kaveri 2.0, the simplified property registration process, will cover all 256 sub-registrar offices in Karnataka by the end of this week.

Kaveri 2.0 enables completion of the property registration process in 10-15 minutes. It has already been rolled out in 251 sub-registrar offices.

He said buyers and sellers in Karnataka can complete property registration by a simple online process and a quick 10-15 minutes' visit to the sub-registrar's office.

He announced the implementation of the new updated property registration system Kaveri 2.0 by fixing server issues and technical glitches in the previous version.

Noting the benefits of the new system, Mr. Gowda said under Kaveri 2.0, documents can be submitted online. Online payment can be done. Buyer and seller can pick an appointment to visit the sub-registrar office. He told pressmen that earlier there was no system in place in sub-registrar offices and they were totally disorganised. The people have been suffering to have their properties registered. Under the new system, the accountability would be fixed.

Okkoota urges Union govt. to provide rice to State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Samana Manaskara Okkoota - Karnataka on Monday condemned the Union government's attempts to politicise rice supply for the Anna Bhagya scheme by refusing to release the excess rice request submitted by the State.

In a release, it urged the Centre to respond in accordance with the federal principles of the Constitution, and immediately release the essential rice to Karnataka.

It said that the State's request has been denied despite having 185.58 lakh tonnes of grains in the FCI godowns. "The Centre should have congratulated Karnataka government for taking the first step towards making India hunger-free. Currently, estimated 30% of global population suffer from severe food insecurity. The Covid-19 crisis has further increased the problem," the release said.

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> SAMANA MANASKARA OKKOOTA

33 students taken ill in Sedam

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

As many as 33 girl students of Kittur Rani Chennamma School were taken ill after consuming contaminated water and unhygienic food at Kodla village in Sedam taluk of Kalaburagi district on Monday.

The 33 students complained of stomach pain, headache and vomiting after consuming food on Sunday night.

Immediately, all the 33 students were shifted to Sedam taluk hospital for treatment. The students are recovering and their condition is stable.

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

DR. K. SRIRAM (84 yrs)
Orthopaedic Surgeon,
Passed away on June 19th, 2023.
Leaves behind a grieving family,
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DEATH

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Passed away on 15.06.2023
Rituals will be held on 21.06.2023 at 3 pm
at his residence No. 9, 8th Street, "D" Block,
Anna Nagar East, Chennai - 600 102.
Contact: 044-2663-3780

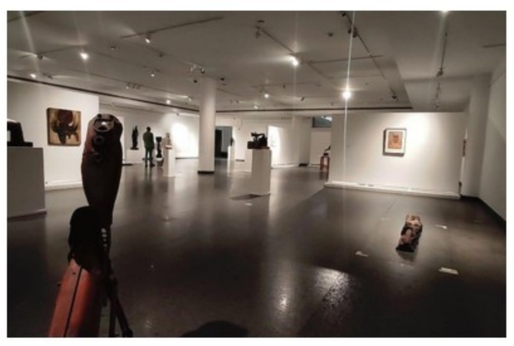
CITYBEATS

An artistic pop up

JUNE 23, 24, 10.30AM TO 7PM
Called Busy Fingers, this pop up is a result of a collaboration of independent artists, and will be on at Raintree, Sankey Tank.
From sustainably made soft toys to smocked dresses, hand embroidered clothing, knitted accessories, sterling silver jewellery, homemade pickles to natural dye textiles – everything is handcrafted.

Binge on Thai flavours

JUNE 22 TO 26, LUNCH AND DINNER
Four Seasons Hotel presents a special Thai menu, led by chef Golf from the restaurant Khao at Four Seasons Resorts Chiang Mai. This food showcase offers you signature dishes including *yum gai yang, phad kee mow moo*, and desserts such as *khao niew ma muang* and more.
On at Far & East, Four Seasons Hotel Bengaluru. Call 9606487956 to reserve a table.



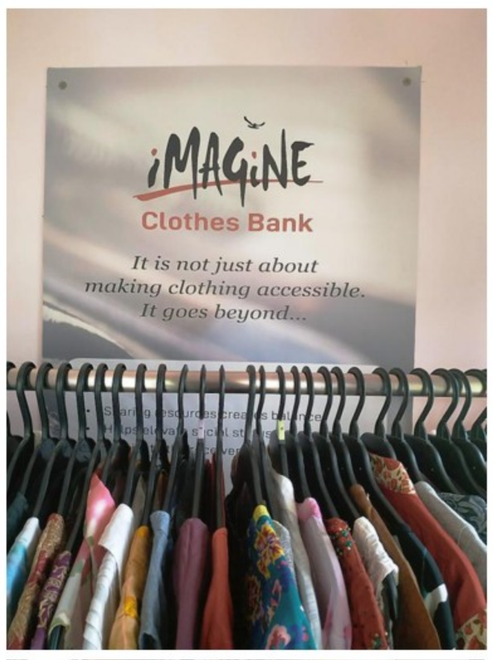
Curated sculptures

JUNE 20 TO AUGUST 23, 11AM TO 6PM
National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) presents PRATIBHa – an in-house curated exhibition of sculptures from the permanent collection of NGMA.
There will be a showcase of 39 sculptures and mixed media artworks by renowned artists such as Ramkinkar Baij, Amarnath Sehgal, Dhanraj Bhagat to name a few.
At NGMA, Palace Road. Call 22342338.

These are the gifts that keep on giving

Have some of your belongings outlived their usefulness? Here are some ways you can distribute that 'wealth' to those who will value it

Ruth Dhanaraj



There is almost always a surplus of something in our homes, courtesy the consumerist society we live in. This excess is relegated to the attic until it threatens to burst and then we hand it off to the nearest scrap dealer or house help. There are, however, better ways to address this 'problem of plenty'. Here are a few:

Healthy route
When Ajayan's father suffered a stroke, he bought a medical bed for their home. As his father's health progressed, the family went on to buy a wheelchair, walker and finally, a walking stick. At each stage, they found themselves saddled with almost-new equipment that they were no longer using. "We realised the sudden expense could be a drain on resources so in 2017, we began the Sanathya Foundation where people could approach us for what they needed and we'd hand them over free of cost. One of our criteria is they return the item once they finished utilising it," says Ajayan.

"We would like all donated equipment to be in working order be it nebulisers, oximeters, wheelchairs, hearing aids etc. However, we do not take prescription medicines or spectacles."

To donate or source medical equipment from the Sanathya Foundation, call 96116 15555 or mail info@sanathyafoundation.com

Similarly, Sahaya Centre of St John's Medical College Hospital and Mercy Drops of Bangalore Baptist Hospital accept used medical equipment.

Visit the hospital websites for more details

Off the board
Board games and puzzles can feel repetitive after they have been solved a couple of times.The ThinkBox Children's Library in Malleshpalya accepts board games, building blocks and other games that have all their original pieces. "Nobody appreciates an incomplete puzzle when you work so hard to finish it, especially children," says Bhakti Shah, who founded the ThinkBox Children's Library in 2008. ThinkBox lends out toys and books for a limited time, relying on borrowers to return them after the prescribed period. "We draw a line at stuffed toys and dolls, hygiene being the primary factor," she says.

Visit thinkbox.co.in for donation details

Meanwhile, the folks at Bharathiya Grameen Mahila Sangh (BGMS) in Vibhutipura, who cater to the welfare of disadvantaged children, women, the aged and partially impaired, accept all kinds of toys and playthings for their young inmates.

For more details visit https://bgmsbangalore.com/

Dress up
Everyone enjoys looking their best and most people do not mind hand-me-downs as long as they are not threadbare or terribly out of fashion. Act of Random Kindness (ARK), operated by Mamatha Esteves, hopes to give the underprivileged the luxury of choice by setting up a 'clothes market' every Saturday. "Lots of clothes sit unused because they don't fit or the 'right' occasion has still not come by. We encourage people to "gift" clothes they themselves would wear," says Mamatha.

Throughout the week, donations to ARK, can be dropped off at Rosemount International Preschool, Domlur. On Saturdays, the clothes are displayed on racks and tables at the school and can be purchased for ₹5 a piece. "The point is to dignify life – anyone who comes to pick out clothes should feel they have picked something that they liked or that suits them, and most importantly that they could purchase on their own," she adds.

To donate to Act of Random Kindness call 89510 66879 or mail actofrandomkindness22@gmail.com

For those who live in and around Electronic City, the Clothes Bank run by Imagine Trust is another place to donate second hand clothes in wearable condition. Run on similar principles as ARK, the Clothes Bank accepts donations from Monday to Friday and puts them up to be purchased every Sunday.

For more details, visit theimaginetrust.org or call 84317 65974 or 96119 77074

Write stuff
The city is peppered with book stores that buy back novels and non-fiction tomes, but there are not too many which re-distribute stationery. School supplies on the 'mandatory list' for the academic year far exceed the basics and year after year, these items languish untouched.

Both Makkala Jagriti and Goonj which have multiple outlets in the city, accept partially used notebooks, textbooks and other paraphernalia that a school-going child could use such as lunch boxes, water bottles, geometry boxes and more.

Visit makkalajagriti.org and goonj.org for more details.

Miscellaneous
Finally, if you have stuff that does not fall into any of the above categories such as electronics, cutlery and cookware, furniture, gardening equipment and the like, Share At Doorstep and Sri Rakum School of the Blind are happy to take it off your hands. While the former hands over what they have received to a network of trusted NGOs, the latter which cares for visually impaired children and runs on donations alone, uses whatever they can and sells the rest to raise funds for themselves.

For more details visit sadsindia.org and rakum.org.

Life in the photo pit and beyond

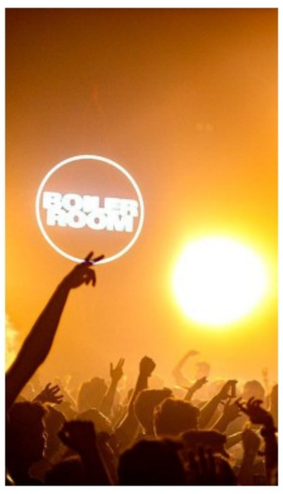
Anurag Tagat

A music photographer – as niche as it may sound – gets to travel all around the country and find themselves the best view and access to artists. Abhishek Shukla, one of the practitioners, says there is a thrill of capturing the highs and lows of performance.

Ever since the 29-year-old went from a smartphone to trying out a friend's DSLR camera in 2010 to getting paid for his first photography gig in 2013, it has been a decade of being a part of an exclusive, but important field in the music industry.

Being a photographer and videographer might seem anachronistic with the proliferation of high-end smartphone cameras that can arguably do the job just as well. Shukla says he has used a smartphone for work or as an attendee at a gig. "I am comfortable using it and encourage it as long as it does not harm and disturb the artist or the team."

In the "uncontrolled environment" of a concert or festival, Shukla still believes a smartphone cannot take do the job. "There are too many variables which only a trained professional can handle." From the erstwhile Indigo Live Music Bar to The Humming Tree to events like Boiler Room, Magnetic Fields Festival and SulaFest, Shukla has been training his lens on the beating heart of live music in India.



Back stage boy Abhishek Shukla and some of the events he has documented. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

His content company, IAMASP, provides aftermovies performance footage, photos for concerts and music festivals to run on their own social media or disseminate to press, and at other times, the content is used for branding purposes. Safe to say, Shukla helps in documenting for posterity, from behind-the-scenes build-up to discussing with artists the way they can capture rare or special moments, confetti cannon and all.

The job like any other comes with challenges, the chief among them being payment, Shukla says. "There are delays in payment and budgets are often never sufficient to meet the client's expectations. There are also advances in camera technology, which is expensive to keep updated."

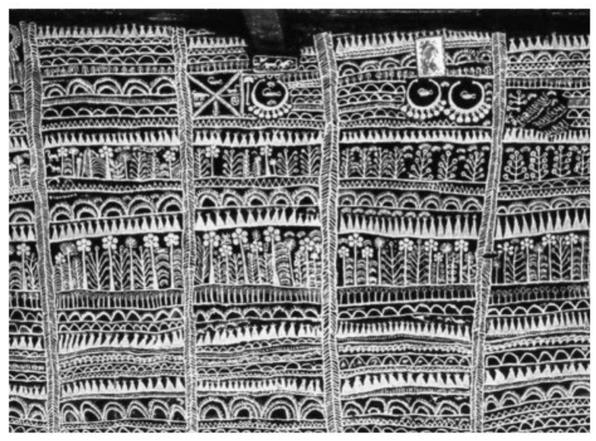
Being a gig photographer, takes more than showing up and standing in front of the stage area. Shukla outlines his approach to covering an event. He conducts recces with his team, get a final brief from their client, set up equipment and speak to artists beforehand.

"We like to know if they have something cool that they want to do on stage which we can capture." Throughout the event, Shukla spends editing raw footage on the go, between shooting, so that he has a quick turnaround for delivery.

Of his journey, Shukla says establishing himself on the local scene got him into a wider circle of promoters, artists and brand managers, with word of mouth also helping him expand his business. It also helped him make the decision to get into artist management, when he met Shiva Manvi at a gig he was shooting.

His advice to younger photographers working at concerts is to be humble and "give 200% in your work." Shukla adds, "I see this new wave of photographers who are just doing this without knowing the rules of engagement towards work. It is not a niche space any more. There is a lot more room now, as we say 'content is king', but we need to educate them on how to use it."

Art and tradition



Staff Reporter

Museum of Art and Photography is hosting a discussion titled Exploring Living Traditions in Indian Art, wherein designer and art historian Annapurna Garimella will delve into the dynamic relationship between artists and traditions in India.

Drawing inspiration from the insights of sociologist DP Mukerji and artist KG Subramanyan, Annapurna aims to uncover how artists have approached and transformed traditional art forms within their artistic practices.

During the talk, she will explore how artists have embraced textures, forms, colours, techniques, images, and labour from community-specific art forms, infusing their artistic practices with new meanings. The discussion will uncover the transformation that occurs when a tradition enters the artist's studio, highlighting the potential life a tradition can take on through artistic reinterpretation.

This event is part of the larger programming for the exhibition, Jyoti Bhatt: Time and Time Again. It provides a unique opportunity to gain insights into the interplay between traditions and contemporary art in India.

When tradition takes on artistic reinterpretation the results can amaze

Whether you are an art enthusiast, a student, or simply curious about the evolution of artistic expression, this talk promises to be interesting.

On June 24 (6 pm onwards) at Museum of Art and Photography. For ages 18 and above. Entry is free.

HC declines plea against transwoman's application

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court has declined the plea of the Kerala Public Service Commission (PSC) seeking to set aside an interim order of the Kerala Administrative Tribunal (KAT) allowing a transwoman to submit her application to the post of housekeeper (female) in a homeopathic medical college.

The KAT had passed the interim directive on a petition filed by Annera Kabeer C. of Palakkad. According to her, she is a transwoman and has a transgender identity card. However, her online application was not accepted by the PSC's software system.

HC: Non-consummation of marriage does not amount to cruelty on wife under IPC

The court makes this distinction while quashing criminal proceedings against a man and his parents by his wife under Section 498A, alleging that the husband subjected her to cruelty by refusing to have physical relationship with her

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Non-consummation of marriage by husband does not amount to cruelty on wife under the definition of section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) even though non-consummation amounts to cruelty under the provisions of the Hindu Marriage Act, the High Court of Karnataka has ruled.

The High Court has made this distinction while quashing criminal proceedings against a man and his parents by his wife under Section 498A of the IPC, alleging that the husband subjected her to cruelty by refusing to have physical relationship with her.

The court noted that the only substantial allegation made by the wife, who lived with her husband in marital home only for 28 days after the marriage, is that he never intended to have physical relationship with her as he is a follower of Brahma Kumaris.

It was alleged in the complaint that he was always watching the videos of one sister Shivani, a Brahma Kumari, and told the wife that he gets inspired by watching those videos and encouraged her to watch the videos.

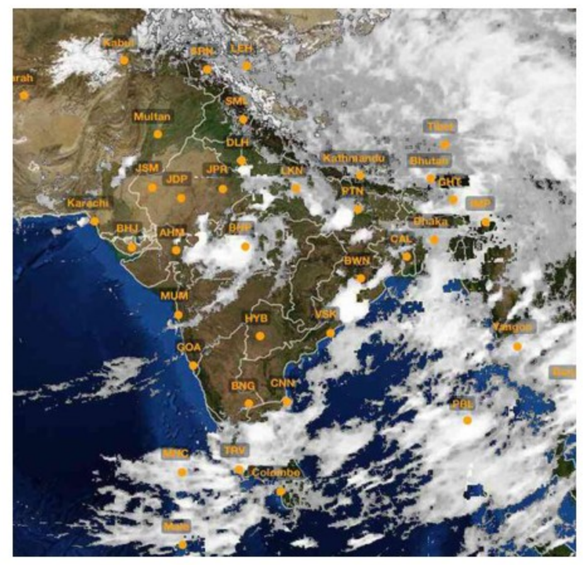
The husband, inspired by Brahma Kumari videos, was of the view that "love is never getting physical, it should be soul to soul. Due this he never intended to have physical relationship with the wife," the court noted. The husband's intention of "not to have physical relationship with the wife would undoubtedly amount to cruelty due to non-consummation of marriage under Section 12 (1)(a) of the Hindu Marriage Act and not cruelty as is defined under Section 498A of the IPC," the court observed.

Noticing that the Family Court had in November 2022 annulled the marriage, solemnised in December 2019, while allowing the plea for annulment made by the wife on the ground of cruelty in view of failure of the husband to consummate the marriage, the High Court said that criminal proceedings under Section 498A cannot be permitted to continue in the absence of ingredient for invoking Section 498A.

The continuation of criminal proceedings against the husband and the in-laws, who never stayed with her, would degenerate into harassment and become abuse of the process of law resulting in miscarriage of justice, the court said while allowing the petition filed by the husband and his parents.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at few/isolated places over northeast Rajasthan, southwest Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	13.4	33.1	23.2	Kozhikode	15	33.3	25.2
Ahmedabad	0.3	36.0	27.5	Kurnool	—	38.5	26.9
Aizawl	38	30.5	17.5	Lucknow	—	41.4	28.7
Allahabad	—	43.8	31.7	Madurai	—	36.7	26.8
Bengaluru	—	28.2	21.7	Mangaluru	2.9	31.9	23.6
Bhopal	—	—	28.0	Mumbai	—	33.9	28.6
Bhubaneswar	—	36.6	22.7	Mysuru	—	—	—
Chandigarh	—	40.2	26.7	New Delhi	5	34.5	25.5
Chennai	158	27.3	24.0	Patna	1	43.2	26.4
Coimbatore	—	33.8	24.0	Port Blair	3	31.0	25.9
Dehradun	0.2	37.8	25.4	Puducherry	0.6	30.8	25.6
Gangtok	68	19.0	16.9	Pune	—	34.9	24.2
Goa	—	33.5	26.2	Raipur	—	42.5	31.4
Guwahati	43	27.6	23.8	Ranchi	0.8	37.8	26.6
Hubballi	—	34.0	24.0	Shillong	14	20.0	17.4
Hyderabad	—	37.8	28.6	Shimla	—	25.0	18.0
Imphal	1	25.3	20.8	Srinagar	—	31.7	16.9
Jaipur	11.6	31.8	24.0	Thiruvananthapuram	0.2	32.5	24.3
Kochi	22	30.8	25.0	Tiruchi	0.1	33.5	26.6
Kohima	9	22.4	15.8	Vijayawada	—	38.8	31.0
Kolkata	41	30.2	23.3	Visakhapatnam	5	33.2	25.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	5	14	6	211	215	
Bengaluru	7	47	53	36	40	
Chennai	4	97	63	51	47	
Delhi	3	17	40	88	106	
Hyderabad	8	58	14	49	98	
Kolkata	17	15	29	34	44	
Lucknow	14	39	41	129	137	
Mumbai	35	24	125	73	69	
Pune	124	193	113	88	77	
Visakhapatnam	9	43	35	60	97	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 214 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Guwahati, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Archaeologist finds Mesolithic-era rock painting in Guntur

Ramesh Susarla
ANANTAPUR/GUNTUR

A Mesolithic period rock painting depicting a person tilling a piece of land has been found by D. Kanna Babu, former Superintending Archaeologist of the Temple Survey Project (Southern Region) of the Archaeological Survey of India, Chennai, in Orvakallu village in Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh.

Mr. Kanna Babu told *The Hindu* that while surveying the lower River Krishna Valley to ascertain the architectural features of shrines, he identified a new prehistoric rock painting on the walls and ceiling of natural rock shelters on a hillock at Orvakallu.

Historic find: The painting of a man tilling land found in a cave shelter at Orvakallu village in Guntur district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"After an intensive exploration, it was noticed that these were shelters for prehistoric humans who lived at this place. Among these five naturally formed caves, two are embellished with distinguished depictions of rock paintings on the back walls and ceilings executed by people of Mesolithic Age, roughly [from] 5000 BC," he said.

Mr. Babu added that the paintings were made with "natural white kaolin and red ochre pigments", as well as that most of them had been "badly damaged" due to exposure to "air and wind". "However, some of the sketches and outlines are still intact for the visitors," he said.

Ochre is a pigment composed of clay, sand, and ferric oxide. Kaolinite is a soft, earthy, and usually white mineral produced by the chemical weathering of aluminium silicate minerals like feldspar.

Culture of people

According to Mr. Babu, the find throws light on aspects of the social life and culture of the people who lived in the area.

One of the paintings depicted a man catching wild goat with his left hand while wielding a hook-like implement to control it. Another showed two couple standing with their hands raised while a child stood behind them.

Mr. Babu also singled out a painted figure of a man holding a plough and appearing to be tilling land – an indication, in his telling, "of a semi-settled life pattern" in which members of this community domesticated animals and cultivated and harvested crops.

Earlier, in 2018, archaeologists had uncovered prehistoric rock art estimated to be from the Neolothic era, circa 1500-2000 BC, on natural limestone formations near Dachepalli in Guntur district.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under instructions of my client **SRI K. VENUGOPAL,** Son of Sri. K. Krishnappa, Aged about 39 years, Residing at No. 173, Ground Floor, 24th Cross, Jayanagar 6th Block, Bangalore - 560 069, I am addressing this public Notice.

1. My client **SRI K. VENUGOPAL,** has agreed to purchase the land more fully described in the schedule hereunder written and hereinafter styled as Schedule Property from **MR. SYED MAHMOOD,** S/o Late Sri. Syed Abdul Kareem, Aged about 63 years, Residing at No.553, 29th Main, 10th A Cross, Sector-1, H S R Layout, Bangalore - 560 102, free from all encumbrances and all claims.

2. Any person claiming to have any right, title or interest in Schedule property may send their written claim with all supporting documents, to my client directly, within 15 days from the publication of this public notice. If No claims are received as stated, my client would proceed to complete all the formalities in this regard.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL immovable residential property bearing House No. 191/54, new No.54, situated at 22nd Cross Road, Jayanagar 6th Block, Bangalore - 560 011, measuring to an extent of East to West 25 Feet and North to South 65 Feet totally measuring 1625 Sq.Ft., and bounded as follows:

East by : Property No. 190/53, West by : Property No. 191/A/55, North by : Road, South by : Private Property.

Prepared to my Instructions
SRI K. VENUGOPAL

Nazima Tasneem, Advocate,
No.8, 1st Floor, 7th 'C' Cross, Oppt to S.K. School, Someshwaranagar, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore - 560 011.
Ph No: +91 98459 74726
Mail ID : asad.nazi1@gmail.com
Dated : 19-06-2023

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 25/MYS/2023
Dated: 14.06.2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works:

SL	Name of Works	Approx. Value
1	Assistant Divisional Engineer/Shivamogga Town Sub Division:- Safety works of Track during Pre-monsoon & During monsoon and Ballast unloading.	Rs. 2,42,39,902/-
2	Assistant Divisional Engineer / Arsikere Sub Division:- Safety works of Track during Pre-monsoon & During monsoon and Ballast unloading.	Rs. 2,79,72,247/-
3	Assistant Divisional Engineer /Mysuru Sub Division:- Safety works of Track during Pre-monsoon & During monsoon and Ballast unloading.	Rs. 3,16,32,576/-
4	Assistant Divisional Engineer / Chitradurga Sub Division:- Safety works of Track during Pre-monsoon & During monsoon and Ballast unloading.	Rs. 2,98,94,759/-
5	Assistant Divisional Engineer / Davangere Sub Division:- Safety works of Track during Pre-monsoon & During monsoon and Ballast unloading.	Rs. 2,70,55,119/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Up to 11:00 hrs. of 06.07.2023
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-Ord Mysuru
PUB/180/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 2063 of 2021 (CCH-14)

BETWEEN: SRI. PARAMESH T, Son of late Thammaiahappa, Aged Major, R/at No. 223, 6th Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Colony, Marathhalli Post, Yamalur, Bengaluru–37 **..Plaintiffs**
AND : SMT. BHAGYAMMA AND OTHERS
...Defendants

NOTICE / SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS No. 3 TO 9, 11, 14 AND 17 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, **1. SRI. SRINIVAS,** Son of late Thammaiahappa, Aged about 47 years, **D3**
2. SMT. PUTTAMMA, Wife of late Raja, Aged about 58 years. **D4**
3.. SRI. MANJU KUMAR, Son of late Raja, Aged about 40 years, **D5**
4. SMT. SUGUNA, Wife of late Chinnappa, Aged about 52 years, **D6**
5. SMT. MANJULA, Daughter of late Chinnappa, Aged about 28 years, **D7**
6. SRI. RAJESH, Son of late Chinnappa, Aged about 26 years, **D8**
7. SMT. JAYASHREE, Daughter of late Chinnappa, Aged about 23 Years, **D9**
8. MS. GANGOTHRI, Daughter of late Chinnappa, Aged Major, Sl. No. 1 to 8 are residing at No. 135, Yamalur Village, Marathhalli Post, Bengaluru –37. **D11**
9. SMT. KAMALAMMA, Aged about 55 years, Wife of late R. Govinda Raju, R/at No. 14, R.M.V Extension 2nd Cross,1st Main Road, MSR Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 054. **D14**
10. SRI. G. CHANDRA SHEKAR, Aged about 41 years, Son of late R. Govindaraju, R/at No. 14, R.M.V Extension 2nd Cross, 1st Main Road, MSR Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 054. **D17**

Whereas the Plaintiffs has preferred this suit against the Defendants seeking the relief of to partition, separate possession and other reliefs with respect to the suit schedule property.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court on **09.08.2023** at about **11:00 A.M** in person or through you Advocate/Pleader to answer the questions to the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Suit Schedule Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present BBMP katha bearing No. 31/37/ 191/ 150ABC, old CMC Katha No. 37/191/151, H.A.L Sanitary Board No. 135 and 136, situated at Yamalur, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 86, Bengaluru measuring East to West 42 feet and North to South 28 feet, together with RCC residential building consisting of ground floor and three upper floors bounded on the East by H.A.L Sanitary Board, West by Government road, North by passage and thereafter Shivappa's land and South by house of Suresh and Kaverappa.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, that **1st day of June 2023.**

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar City Civil Judge, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiffs
FREUD RICHARDSON, Advocate.
Off/at No. 281, 17th F Main, 3rd Cross, 5th Block KHB Colony, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 95.

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE
O.A. No. 1025 of 2021

M/s. CANARA BANK
S.M.E. BOMMASANDRA BR., B'LORE-560099.
Rep. by its Chief Manager V/s. ....APPLICANT
M/s. FLEXI MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS PVT. LTD. & 3 OTHERS ....DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS TO THE DEFT. Nos. 1 to 4 ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

Deft. No.1: M/s. FLEXI MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS PVT. LTD.
Rep. by its Directors R. Kathirvel, R. Meyyendiran, K. Ganesh Kumar @ # 52A (N), KIADB Indl. Estate, Bommasandra Indl. Area, Hosur Main Road., Bangalore-99.

Deft. No.2: Sri. R. KATHIRVEL @ KATHIRVEL RAMASWAMY
Aged about 48 Years, S/o. Sri Ramaswamy, **Director M/s. FLEXI MANUFACTURING SOLUTION PVT. LTD., R/@** Flat No. 301/73, Royal Gardinia Layout, Bommasandra, Hosur Main Road, Blore-99.

Deft. No.3: Sri. R. MEYYENDIRAN @ RAMASWAMY MEYYENDIRAN
Aged about 45 Years, S/o. Sri Ramaswamy, **Director M/s. FLEXI MANUFACTURING SOLUTION PVT. LTD., R/@** # 6, Amarnarayana Building, 5th Cross, Vidyanagar, Bommasandra, Blore-99.

Deft. No.4: **Sri. K. GANESH KUMAR**
Aged about 41 Years, S/o. Sri Karuppaiyan M, **Director M/s. FLEXI MANUFACTURING SOLUTION PVT. LTD., R/@** # 66, 1st Floor, Srihari Nilaya, R.K. Lake View Layout, 3rd Cross, Opp. to Hebbagodi Police Station, Bangalore-560 100.

WHEREAS the above named Applicant has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 75,71,938/=** alongwith court costs, and current & future interest and other reliefs from the date of application till date of recovery. You are hereby required **to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on 18th day of August 2023 at 10:30 a.m.** either in person or duly instructed pleader as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 13th day of June 2023 at

Sd/- (REGISTRAR)
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1 for Karnataka
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore-560 001.

Rail Wheel Plant/Bela
(Distt. - Saran), Bihar 841221

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Open Tender Notice No: S/RWP/E/7/2023-24 dated:16.06.2023 Sl.No. 1. Tender No. 02235090 **Short Description of item:** Direction Control Volve **Quantity:** 60 Nos. **Date of Tender Closing/Opening:** 26.06.2023 at 14:00 Hrs. **1.** Website address, on which full tender details can be seen and downloaded from, is **www.ireps.gov.in. 2.** The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with the above website for updates including Addendum/Corrigendum/ Cancellation with respect to the above tender. However, this information will also be invariably published in the all concerned newspapers.

PCMM/RWP/Bela
RWP/CPRO/ADVT./2023-24/31

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. BE-29-2023-24-OT-06,07

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works:

SL	Name of Work	Approx. Value
1	Provision of Solar Roof Top Photo Voltaic power system in MEMU shed Banaswadi.	Rs. 63,11,930/-
2	Provision of solar pumps over SBC division in stations identified by NGT and electrical arrangement for proposed provision of coach watering facilities at Kengeri Station.	Rs. 82,38,408/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Up to 11:00 hrs. of 12.07.2023
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer Bengaluru
PUB/177/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

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SAI

E-Tender Notice

Sports Authority of India, NSSC, Bangalore invites e-tender for following works: -

1. SAI/NSSC/ENGG/NIT-4/2023-24 for Repairing of Athlete Club House at SAI, NSSC, Bangalore

For more details please visit E-Tender website http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app, https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in & https://saibengaluru.com

The Last date of Submission of E-Tender is 03.07.2023 up to 16.00 hrs.

Sd/-
Executive Director

NOTICE

TATA ELXSI LIMITED
ITPB Road, Whitefield, Bengaluru

NOTICE is hereby given that the certificate for undermentioned securities of the Company has been lost/ misplaced and the holder of the said securities has applied to the Company to issue duplicate certificate.

Any person who has claim in respect of the said securities should lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office within **15 days** from this date, else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate certificate without further intimation.

Name of the holders	Kind of securities and face value	No. of Securities	Distinctive number
Sunjay Kumar	Shares of Rs. 10/- each	100	23422221-23422320

Place: Kanpur **Date : 20.06.2023** **Sd/- Sunjay Kumar**

SAI

E-Tender Notice

Sports Authority of India, NSSC, Bangalore invites e-tender for following works: -

1. SAI/NSSC/ENGG/NIT-2/2023-24 for Repairing & Erection of Borewells at SAI, NSSC, Bangalore.

For more details please visit E-Tender website http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app, https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in & https://saibengaluru.com

The Last date of Submission of E-Tender is 08.07.2023 up to 16.00 hrs.

Sd/-
Executive Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to the General Public that my client intends to purchase the following Schedule properties for a valuable consideration from its respective owners.

Sl. No.	Schedule Property	Owned by
1.	Converted Land bearing Sy. No. 20/2, New Sy. Number 20/3, Byatarayanapura, Yelahanka Hobli, Airport Road, Bangalore measuring about 16 Guntas (including Kharab of 5 guntas) bounded on **East by :** Amruthalli Village boundary, **West by:** Road **North by:** Raja Kaluve, **South by:** Remaining land Sy. No.20/2	**1. Shri B. A. Prashanth** S/o. Late Shri Aswathappa P. **2. Shri B. A. Shivananda** S/o. Late Shri Aswathappa P. **3. Smt. Shanthamma S. R.** W/o. Late Shri Aswathappa P. **4. Smt. B. A. Drakshayani** D/o. Shri Aswathappa P. (All are Legal heirs of Late Shri. Ashwathappa P) and residing at No. 226, 2nd 'C' Cross, 2nd Main, 1st Stage, 4th Block, Hennur HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore – 560043.
2.	Land bearing Sy. No. 19/3 Byatarayanapura, Yelahanka Hobli, Airport Road, Bangalore measuring about 1.78 Guntas, bounded on **East by :** Remaining land Sy. No.20/2, **West by:** Road **North by:** Raja Kaluve, **South by:** Remaining land Sy. No.20/2 (Duly acquired from Shri. N Manjunatha s/o Shri. Narayanaswamy)	

Anybody is having any right, charges, encumbrance, title and interest, claims, objections whatsoever over the schedule property may lodge their objections/claims if any, with documentary proof with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication. Thereafter no claim or objections will be entertained and my client will proceed further to purchase the schedule property.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 20-06-2023

Sri Gopalakrishna R Hegde, Advocate
231, S. C. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.
Ph: 9448261617

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have entered into an Agreement to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: **Sri.KANTHILAL M JAIN, Sri.PRAVEEN KUMAR & Sri.PRADEEP KUMAR. M,** all sons of late Manchalal, residing at: No.5A Pushp Vatika, 4th Floor, Vani Vilas Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore–560004.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.7/1, PID No.47-126-7/1, measuring East to West 34' and North to South (23'9"+22'3")/2, totally measuring 782 Sq.ft., with a building thereon, situated at Chowla Galli, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Property No.7 belonging to Sri.Shankarappa
West by : Chowlagalli Cross Road
North by : Property No.7 belonging to Smt.K.V.Rajeshwari and property No.6 belonging to Sri.C.Shankarappa
South by : Dasopanth Lane

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

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CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No: KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT27 Dated: 12.06.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two cover system) (Through e-procurement portal only)

Item wise tender is invited from the eligible bidders for the work of **"Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning works of 2 No's of 25kVA DG Sets Complete, (acoustic Enclosure, Base Frame, Fuel tank) Etc., including all related required Civil Foundation, Mechanical, Electrical Modification Works (incomer MCCB, SFU, Cables, Modules, Grounding, Protection Relays Etc) at Intake PH (MAROL) & Intermediate Booster PH (ILKAL) of Narayanapura Water Supply Projects, Hunagund Taluk, Bagalkot Dist.".** The tender documents can be downloaded from e-procurement website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and submit their bids through e-procurement platform. Details can also be obtained on KPCL's website: **www.karnatakapower.com** Further details can be had from **the Executive Engineer (ODY)**, BTPS/KPCL, Kudithini-583152. Mob: 9448290753.

Ministry of Communication, Department of Posts, Civil Wing

PRESS NOTICE INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER

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N.I.T. No.: **10/PCD/BGL/2023-24**

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Decoding the Adani report

What did the six-member panel appointed by the apex court find on SEBI's role as regulator while probing alleged contraventions of the Adani Group? How has SEBI dealt with the allegations of stock manipulation in Adani scrips?

EXPLAINER

Prasenjit Bose

The story so far:

The Supreme Court order dated March 2, 2023 led to two parallel inquiries into contraventions of the Adani group of companies, alleged by Hindenburg Research. The U.S.-based investment research firm had alleged in January that the Adani Group was engaged in brazen stock manipulation and money laundering; charges denied by the company. The Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), which was asked to investigate whether there was a violation of Rule 19A of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, sought an extension after the two-month deadline was over, and will now have to report to the apex court by August 14. In addition, a separate Expert Committee was constituted to *inter alia* investigate whether there has been regulatory failure in dealing with the alleged flouting of laws by the Adani Group or other companies.

The status of the SEBI probe

The SEBI was directed to probe whether the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, were violated. The court wanted SEBI to find out whether Rule 19A, which stipulates that every company listed in the stock market has to maintain at least 25% public shareholding, was ignored. It was also asked to find out whether there was a failure to disclose transactions and other relevant information concerning "related parties" to SEBI, in accordance with the law; and also whether there was any manipulation of stock prices in contravention of existing laws. When SEBI sought an extension, citing complexity of the transactions it was investigating, the court granted it more time. Meanwhile, the six-member, court-appointed Expert Committee, submitted a 173-page report to the court on May 6. It has been widely reported that the expert committee has found "no regulatory failure" on the part of SEBI. A perusal of the expert committee report, however, reveals several facts as well as a sequence of events, which not only point towards regulatory failure, but regulatory capture and collapse.

What did the expert panel state?

In the committee's findings on SEBI's regulatory performance contained in the fourth chapter of the report, there is an indication of a gigantic scam involving serious economic offences perpetrated by the Adani group.

The expert committee report states that SEBI had begun investigating the Adani group companies in October 2020, following complaints received in June-July 2020. However, regulatory proceedings like the issuance of show-cause notices have not been initiated by SEBI under the ruse of being unable to establish a *prima facie* case. SEBI has been investigating 13 suspected overseas entities, mostly foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), based in tax havens like Mauritius, which they suspect are front companies of the Adani promoters (Table 1). These FPIs together held significant shares in five listed Adani group companies as on March 2020 – 15.5% in Adani Enterprises Limited/AEL, 18% in Adani Transmission Limited/ATL, 17.9% in Adani Total Gas/ATG, 20.3% in Adani Green Energy Limited/AGEL and 14.1% in Adani Power Limited/APL, as per SEBI's compilation.

The promoter group shareholding in the five listed Adani Group companies till March 2020 was above 74%, as per their own disclosures. These listed companies would, therefore, be in violation of Rule 19A of the SCRR, 1957 if the 13 overseas entities were/are front companies for the Adani Group promoters.

SEBI, despite its suspicion and investigation, however, has been unable to unearth the "ultimate beneficial owner" of these overseas entities till date. This inability to establish *prima facie* contraventions, however, has been effected by successive amendments to SEBI regulations related to FPIs as well as Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (LODR regulations), as described in the expert committee report. A vital restriction on FPIs having an "opaque structure" was repealed and the definitions of "beneficial owners" in FPI regulations and "related party"/"related party transactions" in the LODR regulations were diluted through successive amendments in 2018 and 2019. These amendments opened regulatory loopholes, enabling the Adani Group promoters, especially Vinod Shantilal Adani, to conceal the ultimate beneficiary owner of the suspected FPIs while claiming regulatory compliance.

SEBI has approached the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) to further investigate in order to establish a *prima facie* case against the suspected FPIs. But both the ED and CBDT have formally stated that they cannot undertake investigation unless SEBI registers a case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA 2002) and tax law violations, respectively. The expert committee report has characterised this investigative paralysis as a "chicken-and-egg" problem.

The intent of the amendments brought in the FPI and LODR regulations by SEBI in 2018 and 2019, seem mala fide from the subsequent amendments made in November 2021. These amendments, which sought to partially plug the regulatory loopholes opened by the earlier amendments, were made with a deferred prospective effect, when the SEBI investigation was already underway. The PMLA (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005 were also amended by the Department of Revenue on March 7, that is, after the Supreme Court order setting up inquiries, to amend the definition of beneficiary ownership of FPIs.

These amendments to SEBI regulations have resulted in a complete subversion of Section 12A of the SEBI Act, 1992, which explicitly prohibits contrivances and devices that are structured to bypass the law, enabling securities fraud and insider trading. The expert committee has noted: "SEBI's pursuit of investigations is based on the premise that it is pursuing the 'spirit of the law', which flies in the face of the prospective amendments with deferred effect that SEBI has made on the legislative side."

Has there been a price manipulation?

A notable aspect in the price movement of the Adani scrips is that their sharpest rise occurred when the five listed Adani companies were already under the SEBI scanner, since October 2020. The price of an AEL share went up from ₹491 on January 1, 2021 (Table 2) to peak at ₹4,190 on December 21, 2022 implying an increase of 753% in almost two years. The price increase of ATL shares from January 2021 to its September 2022 peak was by 874%. ATG shares witnessed a price appreciation of 960% between January 2021 and January 2023. The BSE Sensex had risen from 47868 on January 1, 2021 to reach an all-time peak of 63583 on December 1, 2022, an appreciation of around 32% in 23 months. Thus, Adani scrips had outperformed the market by several times for a period of over two years, from January 2021 to January 2023.

The expert committee report reveals that 849 alerts were generated vis-a-vis the shares of Adani group companies through SEBI's automated surveillance systems (ASM) between April 1, 2018 and December 31, 2022. Of these alerts, 603 were related to price volume movements, while the remaining 246 alerts were related to suspected insider trading. While SEBI has reported that the 603 alerts were closed after "processing the same as per approved (sic) standard operating procedures", "work is in progress" on 246 alerts related to suspected insider trading.

While the large number of ASM alerts were clear signals of excess volatility in Adani scrips, SEBI did not find them "unusual" as long as their prices were rising. It is only when the Adani stock prices crashed post-Hindenburg that SEBI observed "unusual price movement" in a public statement issued on February 4, 2023. The Adani Group promoters have a history of regulatory violations, with the SEBI having indicted them for price manipulation of AEL shares in league with convicted/debarred trader Ketan Parekh; the case was settled "upon payment of certain amounts" in April 2008.

Given this history, SEBI's public silence on the unprecedented rise in Adani scrips since October 2020, even when the companies were under investigation following complaints; alongside its unwillingness to register a case of regulatory non-compliance and legal violations against the Adani Group promoters till date, comprise *prima facie* evidence of regulatory failure and SEBI's complicity in these contraventions.

The expert committee has reported that most of the price rise of AEL scrips occurred between April 1, 2021, when AEL share price was ₹1,031 and December 31, 2022, when the share price reached ₹3,859. The largest buyer of AEL shares during this period was the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), buying around 4.8 crore shares. The 13 suspected FPIs were among the top net sellers during this period, having sold around 8.6 crore shares. The price movement of AEL shares was, therefore, mainly contributed by LIC and the 13 suspected FPIs, and yet the SEBI has so far concluded that it is "impossible to conclude that they (suspected FPIs) had a hand in the price rise" because they were "net sellers" during this patch.

SEBI seems to be operating under the belief that stock prices can only be manipulated through net buying and not net selling, but these large transactions – the FPIs selling 8.6 crore shares of AEL, and LIC picking up around 4.8 crore shares – should be investigated.

What were the final remarks?

Despite collating and presenting a large body of evidence of regulatory failure, as summarised above, the expert committee has drawn ambivalent conclusions like: "at this stage, taking into account the explanations provided by SEBI, supported by empirical data, *prima facie*, it would not be possible for the Committee to conclude that there has been a regulatory failure around the allegation of price manipulation." It is now for the apex court bench to study the voluminous report and draw its own conclusions. Given the large body of evidence of regulatory improprieties and subversion contained in the expert committee report, the court's focus should be on SEBI's conduct.

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SEBI in the spotlight

Table 1 names the 13 overseas entities being investigated by SEBI with respect to the Adani Group. Table 2 shows the indicative price movement of Adani scrips since January 2021

	FPI/overseas entity	Jurisdiction	Declared name of beneficial owner	Nationality
1	Elara India Opportunities Fund	Mauritius	Rajendra Bhatt	U.K.
2	Vespera Fund Limited	Mauritius	Rajendra Bhatt	U.K.
3	Marshal Global Capital Fund Limited	Mauritius	Nuni Venkata Ramana Murty	Singapore
4	Emerging India Focus Funds	Mauritius	Trident Trust Company Limited - Jimmy Ernesta as settlor	Mauritius
5	EM Resurgent Fund	Mauritius	Trident Trust Company Limited - Jimmy Ernesta as settlor	Mauritius
6	Cresta Fund Limited	Mauritius	Mark Dangel	Switzerland
7	Albula Fund Limited	Mauritius	Anna Luzia von Senger Burger	Switzerland
8	APMS Fund Limited	Mauritius	Alastair Guggenbuhl-Even & Yonca Even Guggenbuhl	Switzerland
9	LTS Investment Fund Ltd.	Mauritius	Alastair Guggenbuhl-Even	Switzerland
10	Asia Investment Corporation (Mauritius) Ltd	Mauritius	Alastair Guggenbuhl-Even & Yonca Even Guggenbuhl	Switzerland
11	Polus Global Fund	Mauritius	Yajjadeo Lotun	Mauritius
12	New Leaina Investments Ltd	Cyprus	Jan Scheelings, Margaret Ilse Sjak-Shie & Collin Peter de Wit	The Nether-lands
13	Opal Investments Pvt. Ltd (FI)	Mauritius	Adel Hassan Ahmed Alali	UAE

	Face value	Jan. 2021 price	Peak price (pre-Hindenburg)	Low price (post-Hindenburg)	End-May 2023 price
Company Name	INR	INR	INR	INR	INR
Date		01.01.2021	21.12.2022	03.02.2023	31.05.2023
Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL)	1	491	4190	1017	2495
Date		01.01.2021	16.09.2022	01.03.2023	31.05.2023
Adani Transmission Ltd (ATL)	10	435	4238	630	777
Date		01.01.2021	19.04.2022	28.02.2023	31.05.2023
Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL)	10	1066	3048	439	983
Date		01.01.2021	23.01.2023	19.05.2023	31.05.2023
Adani Total Gas Ltd (ATG)	1	377	3998	633	665
Date		01.01.2021	22.08.2022	28.02.2023	31.05.2023
Adani Power Ltd (APL)	10	50	433	132	249
Date		01.01.2021	01.12.2022	20.03.2023	31.05.2023
BSE Sensex	---	47868	63583	57085	62622

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THE GIST

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Grassroots peace

Free and fair elections to local bodies are not possible without peace

Local body elections in West Bengal scheduled for July 8 have yet again brought political violence in the State to the forefront. Seven persons – they include supporters of the ruling Trinamool Congress and Opposition parties such as the Bharatiya Janata Party, the Congress and Indian Secular Front – have died since the notification of the polls on June 8. The State Election Commission (SEC) and the West Bengal government have approached the Supreme Court of India challenging the Calcutta High Court order of June 15, directing the deployment of central forces in all districts. The State government and the SEC do not have enough resources at their disposal to conduct the mammoth exercise across the State on a single day. Therefore, the deployment of central forces should have been welcomed, particularly when the High Court has directed that the cost of the deployment will be borne by the Centre and not the State government. Elections will be held to nearly 73,897 seats of the three-tier local body structure. In 2013, the SEC itself had sought Supreme Court direction for the deployment of central forces, in stark contrast with its opposition to it now. Violence has been normalised in State politics for decades, and parties in the opposition always seek the deployment of central forces in all elections.

In the 2018 local body polls, there was no deployment of central forces, and in more than one third of the seats, the ruling Trinamool Congress candidates won without contest. Opposition parties were not allowed to put up any candidate in these seats. While the situation is a bit better this time, the Opposition parties have not been able to file nominations in about 50 of the 341 blocks of the State amid reports of the intimidation of candidates. Governor C.V. Ananda Bose visited violence-affected areas at Bhangar and Canning, and Raj Bhavan, Kolkata, has opened a control room where citizens can register their grievances related to the polls. The "peace room", as the Governor calls it, will forward these complaints to the State government and the SEC. The Governor has turned the spotlight on the deteriorating law and order situation and nudged the SEC and the State government to take complaints of violence seriously. He has also carefully avoided a confrontation with the elected government. West Bengal was among the first States to have a three-tier panchayat system aimed at democratic decentralisation. It is for all the stakeholders including political parties to ensure that the exercise of electing panchayat functionaries does not descend into lawlessness and chaos.

Safety first

India's regulators must ensure quality and safety of drugs

Reports of drugs manufactured in India causing severe harm and dozens of patient deaths from across the world continue to trickle in, the latest being the deaths of two patients in Sri Lanka who were administered Indian-made anaesthetic drugs. Just last month, eye drops manufactured in India had caused eye infection in about 30 patients and blindness in 10 in Sri Lanka. While anaesthetic drugs made in India causing deaths are a first in the recent past, eye drops causing infections, blindness and even deaths were reported a few months ago in the United States, with the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) finding a highly drug-resistant bacteria in them. The series of adverse reports against drugs produced in India began last year when the World Health Organization (WHO) linked the deaths of at least 70 children in Gambia from acute kidney injury, to cough syrups. The culprit ingredient in the syrups was diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol – deadly chemicals used as a cheaper substitute for propylene glycol – that should never have been found in any medicine. Soon after the deaths in Gambia, cough syrups made in India and containing the two deadly chemicals killed 18 children in Uzbekistan in December 2022. In end-April this year, Indian-made cough syrup was again in the news when WHO flagged the contaminated drugs found in the Marshall Islands and Micronesia; the contamination was identified by the Australian regulator. Diethylene glycol-contaminated drugs have led to at least five incidents of poisoning in Chennai, Mumbai, Bihar, Gurugram and Jammu between 1972 and 2020.

The conduct of the Indian drug regulator ever since WHO first raised a red flag in October last year has been on predictable lines. Even after serious violations, it gave a clean chit to the company that had supplied the drugs to Gambia and then went on the offensive to fault the global health body. While WHO held its ground, the drug regulator's stand was exposed – test results from Switzerland and Ghana confirmed the presence of toxic chemicals in the cough syrup sample from Gambia. Also, a detailed causality assessment by Gambia and independent investigations by the Gambian Parliamentary Committee and CDC Atlanta found a link between the deaths and the toxic chemicals. Except for some customary inspections, the Indian drug regulator has so far failed to institute measures to make sure drugs produced in India for export and domestic use are safe. India can continue to be the pharmacy of the global south only if the regulator begins to behave like a watchdog to ensure drug safety, and not as a facilitator for the pharma industry.

A rising India, in waltz dance steps with the U.S.

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India and America are BFF (best friends forever), and each needs the other more than ever before today, united by powerful mutual interests. India took 63 years to reach $1 trillion GDP, seven years to hit $2 trillion, three years to hit $3 trillion, and is estimated to reach $25 trillion by 2047 (according to PricewaterhouseCoopers), 100 years after Independence.

In 1700, India accounted for over 35% of global GDP, making it the world's biggest, and by the time of the economic crises in 1991, it was down to almost 1%. Today, it is at around 4%-5% and rising. The United States needs this market desperately, and India needs America's capital and its technology – military and non-military, both.

By 2030, India will have a working population of one billion, which is more than the entire G-8 population; today, it has Internet coverage almost equal to it. As recently as eight years ago, India's per capita mobile data consumption was one of the lowest in the world (122nd), and today it is ranked at one, more than that of the U.S. and China combined, which is helping take prosperity to every nook and corner of India.

A 'green-friendly' success story

Let us look at the infrastructure story, which is a significant success, and its multiplier effects – benefits will reverberate in the next five to 10 years for these are long-gestation projects. Infrastructure spend has shot up, while fiscal prudence has been maintained. Fiscal expansion and yet fiscal prudence are a very tough act to pull off and the Finance Ministry has done well. Let us take the example of how a combination of carbon tax on fuel coupled with a coal cess and an infrastructure development cess, found enough savings to fund at least a part of the rail, roads and ports expansion. It was "green", for the infrastructure being built was green-friendly and the tax was on non-green items. The fuel subsidy has come down from about ₹50,000 crore in 2015 to just ₹7,000 crore now. And if extrapolated on a rising GDP, then the savings would be of the order of $9-$10 billion.

What is often scarcely appreciated is that even a mere listing of a project on PRAGATI, or Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (the monthly review of every Union, State government stakeholder by the Prime Minister) makes officials issue long-pending government orders or clearances, and generally positively smoothens the system to 'debottleneck' infrastructure. A lot of preparation goes behind each PRAGATI review, across departments and States, to ensure that there are decisions (and not dilly-dallying), which is what is making infrastructure delivery happen. Alongside it, GatiShakti, a Geospatial Information Systems overlayer powerful tool prevents unnecessary and random cutting of roads and forests, saving time and resources.

> The Republicans and Democrats see India as a valued civilisational ally and a strategic partner as there are powerful mutual interests with the United States

Further, for the first time, the private sector was allowed into commercial coal mining, leading to Odisha, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh, all non National Democratic Alliance States, reaping huge rewards. While no new oil exploration contracts were awarded between 2010-17, by 2023-end, five lakh square kilometres will be under exploration contracts.

A boost to transparency and efficiency

Money for megainfrastructure spend was also made possible due to another unspoken reform of the Public Financial Management System. It is a centralised transaction system to improve the transparency, accountability, and efficiency in government financial spending and to plug waste and leakages. It has driven what was often considered impossible to do – a centralised core database integration of different platforms with banks, thereby enabling direct payments to beneficiaries, reducing time and cost while enhancing efficiency. To date, about 1,200 million beneficiaries, and 592 banks covering over 12,000 central and State government schemes have done over 6,000 million transactions with a transaction value of $1.64 trillion.

Likewise, while impressive progress has been made on road construction across India, what is not much talked about is the Parivahan system, which is a one-stop system for transport across 1,400 transport offices, enabling leakage proof revenue collection of ₹4,000 billion through the registration of about 350 million vehicles and 150 million licences.

India gets $100 billion in remittances and at around 20 million, is a tad less than the overall global migrant population of about 280 million, who are influential and now extremely proud and confident on the global stage. Earlier, India would stand as one among the 195 countries of the world at any global gathering, but, today, it stands shoulder to shoulder with the G-8, as an equal.

India's global rise is largely because of the Prime Minister's personal outreach and ability to build strategic friendships with world leaders, quickly and with mutual value. To add to this, one has External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's astute understanding and articulation of India's position on global stages. He addressed a closed door meeting of a major global management consultancy firm in the United States, faced tough questions and answered them with ease.

India needs to give up its non-alignment hang-ups of the past and measure each situation on its merit and national interest, like it did with Russian oil. India got oil at a competitive price and did the deal, refined, and sold a "Made in India" product back to the Europeans. This was the kind of deal which would do any global private equity fund proud – whatever hypocritical lens the world may want to view it through.

There is much to be done

Indeed, a lot remains to be done. India needs greater digitalisation of internal processes and better services delivery using India Stack, revive stalled agriculture reforms, build up supply chain capability and move manufacturing to India as companies look for other homes outside China, and carry out deeper judicial reforms, to name a few. India has a $290 billion balance of trade deficit (9% of GDP and two times of its pre-COVID-19 highs); almost 50% of India is still stuck in agriculture and manufacturing remains stuck at 14%-15% of GDP. U.S. capital and technology can help in many of these areas. As India completes 75 years of Independence, it cannot be stuck in 'Ambassador car' defence technology and needs critical U.S. help to modernise and build its own capabilities too.

Both the Republicans and Democrats see India as a valued civilisational ally and a strategic partner over many years, and an astonishing waltz is on. This is reflected in the fact that after Winston Churchill and Nelson Mandela, Narendra Modi becomes the only major world leader to address their U.S. Congress, twice. That is not an easy recognition which America bestows, and they are certainly not *bhakts*.

India and the U.S. are friends, but not allies (and Pakistan is an ally, not a friend), Stephen Cohen often said. The journey from friendship to ally is a short one and needs to be walked by both sides, here and now. Why not start with an easy win? The U.S. allows the completion of immigration formalities in 15 locations worldwide including Abu Dhabi. As visa issues will be on the table this time, why not include Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi to this list, which will make travel so much easier for the average citizen?

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Refugees as assets to their new countries

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As we commemorate yet another World Refugee Day (June 20), we honour the courage and resilience of the 103 million individuals who have endured forced displacement due to conflicts and unrest worldwide. These staggering figures mask countless human stories marked by loss and shattered dreams.

This day is a reminder of our collective responsibility as global citizens and a call for engagement and empathy. It is a day to promote solidarity between communities, and, most importantly, to reflect on the importance of welcoming refugees and displaced persons into our communities.

Global conflicts which include the ongoing wars in Ukraine, Myanmar and Sudan among others, and the protracted situations in Afghanistan, and Somalia present an unprecedented challenge. These crises extend to our region where many individuals have been uprooted from their homes.

Sadly, South and Southeast Asia are not immune to the challenges of displacement. India is home to some 250,000 forcibly displaced persons, with women and children constituting half of that population. India continues to graciously host and assist refugees and asylum-seekers within its territory – a testament to our shared humanity. We thank the Government of India for its steadfast support in generously hosting refugees throughout its history in a manner that deserves to be applauded and emulated.

Refugees want opportunities, not handouts

Today, we are reminded of the story of a young Afghan refugee, Ahmed, (the names used in this article are not real names to protect the individuals) who sought refuge in India fearing persecution in his home country. After pursuing his education through distance learning programme from the National Institute of Open Schooling, he is now teaching refugee and local children and aspires to serve the community that uplifted him from being "a nobody" to a valuable member of the society. It is remarkable to note how institutional support empowered him in realising his potential and making him a valued contributor to his community and society.

> Refugee youth wish to be self-reliant and are eager to use their talents to contribute to the communities hosting them

For refugee youth, it is not just a matter of talent; it is a matter of prospects. They want opportunities, not handouts. They wish to be self-reliant and are eager to use their talents and passions to contribute to the communities hosting them. We can all do more to give them hope and those opportunities while they are away from home.

Examples are aplenty where we have seen an extraordinary show of resilience and talent from refugee youth when given the right opportunity. With career support and strong will, Taslima, a stateless person and twice displaced Rohingya woman in India, could fulfil her dream of being educated and is now a role model for other girls in her community. Similarly, with skill and guidance from experts, Ayesha, an Afghan refugee, is slowly making her way towards pursuing a career as an artist-designer. She designed a line of swimwear recently for an up-and-coming brand, which is now on sale through an online store.

Dismantle the barriers

Refugees and asylum seekers encounter a myriad of obstacles, such as legal recognition and challenges in obtaining government-issued documents, which hinder their access to essential services, including financial support and health care. It is incumbent upon us to dismantle these barriers and ensure that they are afforded equal opportunities in employment, education, housing, and health care.

Our efforts in creating an inclusive society must cater to the unique needs of refugee youth. To ensure that truly no one is left behind, we should engage with and include youth, especially refugee youth, in the realisation of the Sustainable Development Agenda.

Addressing the rising number of the forcibly displaced is an urgent moral imperative that demands our collective action. The Global Compact on Refugees acknowledges the magnitude of the displacement crisis and calls for solidarity through a whole of society approach. It is built on the understanding that the responsibility towards the forcibly displaced is not limited to governments but extends to each one of us including individuals, the private sector, non-government organisations and community-based organisations. It also recognises that the Global South is disproportionately affected and that host communities need assistance.

The Global Compact on Refugees strives to enhance the international response, support host countries, promote self-reliance, and explore long-term solutions such as resettlement and safe returns.

Let us embrace the principle of equitable burden-sharing and fulfil our responsibilities to refugees, ensuring their well-being and the well-being of their generous host communities. By doing so, we can create a world where the potential of every refugee, such as Ahmed, can be realised, and where hope and opportunities abound for those in need.

This is a critical moment in our lifetimes when we have the power to shape future generations. And we invite individuals, the private sector and governments to do their part in supporting youth from refugee and host communities. Together, we can truly ensure the Government of India's vision of '*Viksit Yuva Viksit Bharat*' is realised.

As we mark today's World Refugee Day, let us recommit ourselves to standing in unison with refugees and displaced persons, recognising their strength, indomitable hope, and untapped potential. Together, we can dismantle barriers, create pathways to meaningful opportunities, and restore their sense of dignity. We should never look away.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pharma under the scanner

Of late, Indian pharma exports are in the news for all the wrong reasons (Page 1, June 19). It is appalling how drugs have been allowed to escape the stringent quality net, showing our regulatory system in a bad light. India needs to wake up.

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Bengaluru

Plastic use in the Nilgiris

A report ('South' page, June 19), about local residents in the Nilgiris finding chips packets and other packaging in the dung of elephants, was shocking. Allowing five litre water bottles and other large plastic food containers will not reduce the use of plastic items that are thrown on the Ghat roads or in the waste accumulations in townships and villages in the Nilgiris. Unless dedicated and regular plastic trash clearing units are introduced and there are concerted efforts to ensure high awareness, the fragile Blue Mountains will continue to face grave environmental pressures.

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Udhagamandalam, The Nilgiris

A gradual change

That Kerala society has become so hollow and pretentious is obvious ("In Kerala, funky funerals high on bling and style", 'South' page, June 19) . Children who do not care for their parents in their old age are assuaging their feelings of guilt. The western influence in the organisation of high-end burial ceremonies seems evident. The silver lining in the otherwise dark cloud is the employment opportunities this is offering to a beleaguered local population.

Sharada Sivaram,
Ernakulam, Kochi, Kerala

I am reminded of what Benyamin wrote almost 10 years ago in his book, *Ottamarathanal*, on 'posh' funerals in Kerala. He said there are people who sigh to themselves, saying, "If someone had died at home, I could have shown them how a funeral is to be conducted."

Anuroop Haridas,
Kakkanad, Kerala

More money than what is good for them has made people do all kinds of silly things — from destination weddings to theme parties. What next? The latest songs at funerals? It is time the church steps in and discourages such ostentation. Many in Mumbai and its surrounding places are encouraging and practising shroud burials — a sheet of cloth replaces an expensive coffin.

Anthony Henriques,
Mumbai

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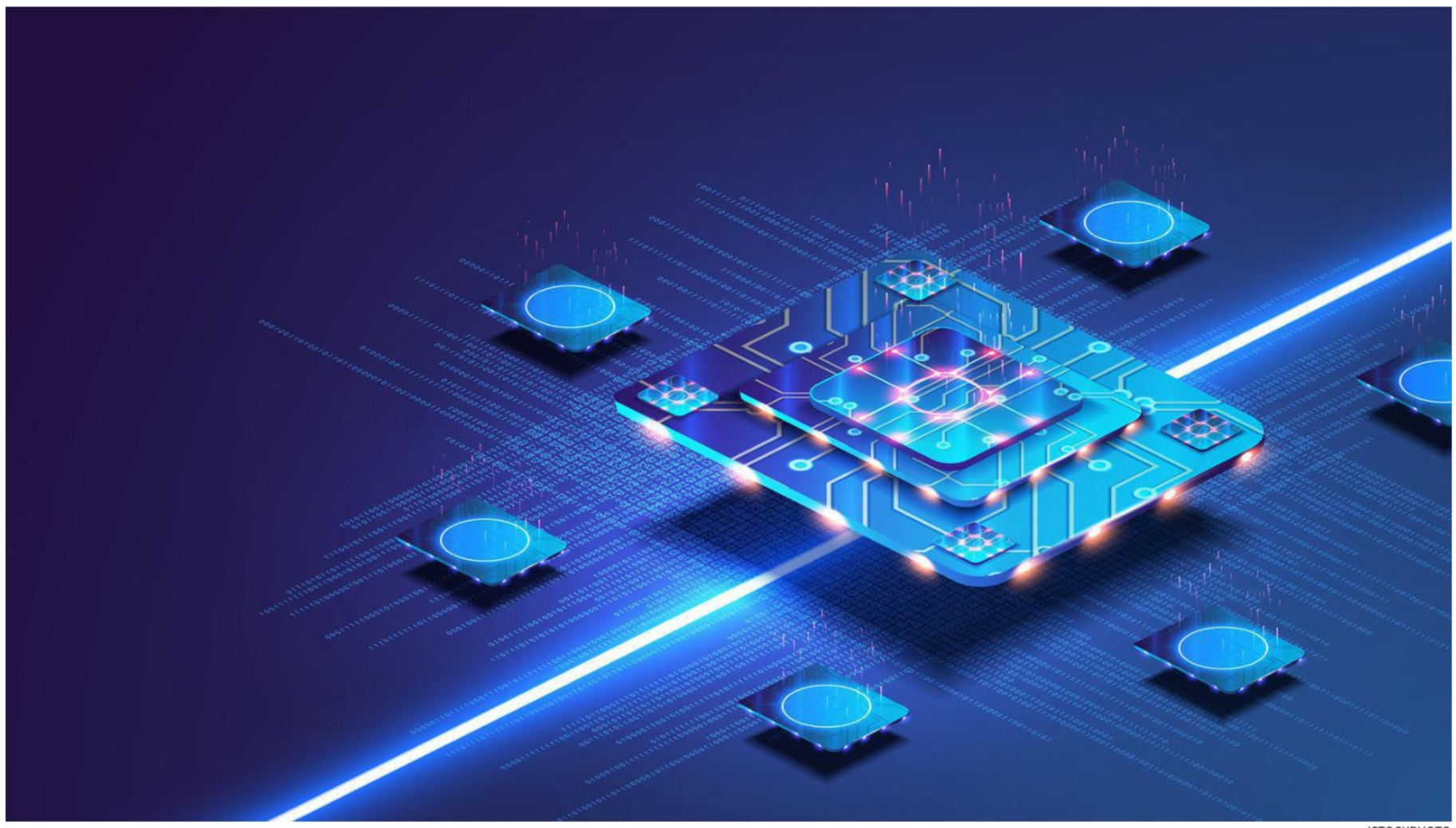
ABSTRACT



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Phonons on the chopping block: Are 'sound particles' quantum too?

Quantum computers use qubits as their basic units of information. Physicists have found that packets of vibrational energy (phonons) behave like packets of light energy using a new kind of beam-splitter. This could technically qualify them to act as qubits as well

Vasudevan Mukunth

H. Qiao, E. Dumur et al, 'Splitting phonons: Building a platform for linear mechanical quantum computing', *Science*, June 8, 2023

Quantum computers and artificial intelligence are two of the emerging areas of interest in the realm of computing. Recently, IBM published a paper in which it claimed to have demonstrated that a quantum computer could solve a useful problem that today's conventional computers can't, a result merited by concerns that their computations might become too unreliable when they also become complicated.

What are qubits?

Quantum computers use qubits as their basic units of information. A qubit can be a particle – like an electron; a collection of particles; or a quantum system engineered to behave like a particle. Particles can do funky things that large objects, like the semiconductors of classical computers, can't because they are guided by the rules of quantum physics. For example, these rules allow each qubit to have the values 'on' and 'off' at the same time. The premise of quantum computing is that information can be 'encoded' in some property of the particle, like an electron's spin, and then processed using these peculiar abilities. As a result, quantum computers are expected to perform complicated calculations that are out of reach of the best supercomputers of today.

Other forms of quantum computing use other units of information. For example, linear optical quantum computing (LOQC) uses photons, the particles of light, as qubits. Just like different pieces of information can be combined and processed by encoding them on electrons and then having electrons interact in different ways, LOQC offers to use optical equipment – like mirrors, lenses, splitters, waveplates – with photons to process information.

In fact, any particle that can be controlled and manipulated using quantum-mechanical phenomena should, on paper, be usable as an information unit in a quantum computer.

Understanding phonons

Physicists thus wondered whether they can use phonons as qubits. Photons are packets of light energy; similarly, phonons are packets of vibrational energy. Therefore, the question is – can we build a quantum computer whose information unit is, colloquially speaking, sound? According to a paper published in *Science* this month, it should be possible.

While researchers can manipulate electrons using electric currents, magnetic fields, etc. and photons with mirrors, lenses, etc, they needed new tools to manipulate phonons. To this end, in the new study, researchers from the University of Chicago have reported developing an acoustic beam-splitter.

Beam-splitters are used widely in optics research. Imagine a torchlight shining light along a straight line. This is basically a stream of photons. When a beam-splitter is placed in the light's path, it will split the beam into two, that is, it will reflect 50% of the photons to one side and let the other 50% pass straight through.

While it seems simple, the working of a beam-splitter actually draws on quantum physics. If you shine a million photons at it, it will create two beams, each of 5,00,000 photons. We can then reflect these two beams to intersect each other, creating an interference pattern . However, researchers have found that an interference pattern appears even when they shine photons at the beam-splitter one by one.

They are two reasons behind this. First, particles can also behave like waves, and second, until an observation is made, a quantum system exists in a superposition of all its possible states (like a qubit being partly 'on' and partly 'off' at the same time). So, when the single wave interacts with the beam-splitter, it enters a superposition of the two possible outcomes – reflected and transmitted. When these states recombine, an interference pattern shows up.

The findings of the study

In the new study, the researchers developed an acoustic beam-splitter – a tiny device resembling a comb, with 16 metal bars jutting out of it. It was placed in the middle of a two-mm-long channel of lithium niobate. Each end of the channel had a superconducting qubit – a qubit whose circuit components were superconducting – that could both emit and detect individual phonons. The whole setup was maintained at an ultra-low temperature. If these phonons were converted to sound, their frequency would be too high for humans to hear. Each phonon in the study represented, according to the paper, the "collective" vibration of around one quadrillion atoms.

The team found that these phonons interacted with the comb just like photons interact with an optical beam-splitter. When a phonon was emitted from the left side of the channel, it was reflected half of the time and transmitted to the right side the other half.

When phonons were emitted simultaneously from the left and the right sides, they both ended up on one side (as expected).

A phonon-based computer.... ?

"The basic science question is whether phonons ... actually behave the way quantum mechanics says they should," Andrew Cleland, a physicist at the Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering and a member of the study team, told *Physics* magazine. His team's tests proved that they do.

But it's still a long way from here to a functional quantum computer that uses phonons as units of information. As University of Nottingham physicist Andrew Armour put it more broadly to *Science News*: "What you're doing is extending the [quantum] toolbox... People will build on it, and it will keep going, and there's no sign of it stopping any time soon."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Leander Paes, one of India's greatest sportspersons, turned 50 on June 17. A quiz on the life and career of this phenomenal tennis player

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
In which sport did Leander's parents, Jennifer and Dr. Vece Paes, don India's colours?

QUESTION 2
Name the tennis programme in Madras (now Chennai), initiated by a champion tennis family, that Leander joined as a 12-year-old and which groomed him to become a champion.

QUESTION 3
In which year did Leander capture the junior titles at both Wimbledon and the U.S. Open and also reach No. 1 in the junior world rankings?

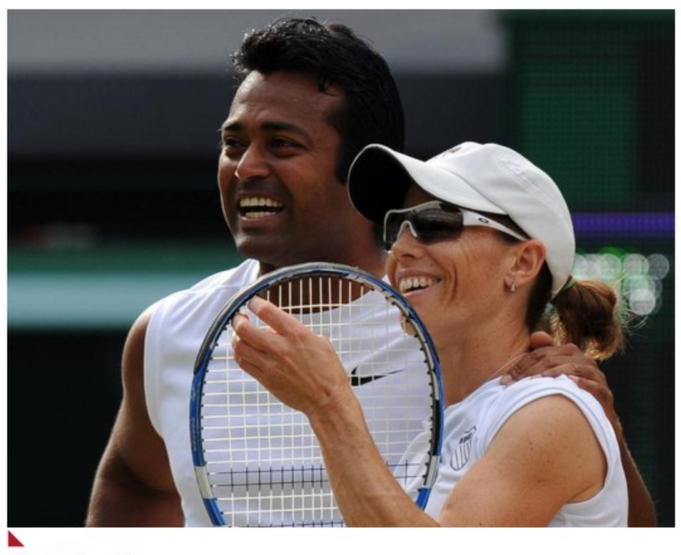
QUESTION 4
In 1996, Leander became the second athlete of independent India to win an individual medal at the Olympics. Who did he beat to claim the bronze medal?

QUESTION 5
How many men's doubles and mixed doubles Grand Slam titles does the champion have?

QUESTION 6
Though they were a formidable pair, Leander and Mahesh Bhupati won only three Slams together between 1999 and 2001. At which Majors?

QUESTION 7
Name the Ashok Kohli-helmed socio-political thriller in which Leander played the lead role.

QUESTION 8
Apart from Khel Ratna, which other civilian honours have been bestowed on the tennis icon?



Visual Question:
Name this Zimbabwean player with whom Leander won three Grand Slam mixed doubles crowns. AFP

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:
1. The founder of molecular biology. **Ans: Linus Pauling**
2. This person is credited with the success of the Green Revolution. **Ans: Norman Borlaug**
3. This person was jointly awarded the Prize in 1973, but he refused. **Ans: Le Duc Tho**
4. This person is referred to as the "Nelson Mandela of Asia". **Ans: Kim Dae-Jung**
5. The Founder of Nadia's Initiative. **Ans: Nadia Murad**
Visual: This leader was the first African to win the Peace Prize in 1960. **Ans: Albert Lutuli**
Early Birds: Dishanta Adhikari| Parveen Rewri| M. Suresh Kumar| Parminder Singh| Joseph Nelson

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

" Sir, Mr. C. P. Ramaswamy, B-27, Taraneka, Hyderabad, wants to know the meaning of 'They struck pay dirt'. "

" 'Pay dirt' or 'pay gravel" means 'dirt, gravel or ore that can be mined profitably'. When it is used figuratively, it means "any source of success or wealth', 'a profitable venture', 'a fortunate discovery'.

The scientist struck pay dirt most accidentally.

After months of questioning, the commission struck pay dirt.

'Pay dirt' is an American expression."

"Sir, several readers would like to know the difference between 'merism' and 'oxymororn'."

" 'Merism' is a figure of speech where you express the whole in terms of two contrasting parts. When you say 'old and young', you are referring to people of all age groups. 'Oxymoron' is also a figure of speech where contradictory forms are combined to produce an expressive phrase or epithet. In this there is no attempt at relating the whole to the parts. 'Cruel kindness' 'laborious idleness', 'to hasten slowly", 'falsely true' are examples of oxymoron. I hope I have made myself clear."

"Sir, Mr. Deepak Gulati, New Ganesh Ganj, Lucknow, wants to know the difference between an error and a mistake and the meaning of 'I don't care a tinker's cuss'"

"Mistake is the word that is commonly used by most people. An error is a deviation from some norm. 'To err' meant originally 'to wander'. You err when you wander, stray away from a norm. A typographic error, an error in calculation, an error of judgment. A mistake is 'a misunderstanding of a thing's meaning', 'a thing incorrectly done or thought through ignorance or carelessness'.

He made a mistake in choosing him as his partner.

It was a mistake to hold the meeting in the heart of the city.

Years ago I came across the following passage which makes the distinction clear. "An error may be from the absence of knowledge, a mistake is from insufficient or false observation. To miss intellectual truth is error, to confound physical facts is a mistake. To say that the Trojan war ended in the victory of the Trojans would be an error; to speak to a person in the street thinking that he was somebody else would be a mistake.

'Don't care a tinker's cuss' is British slang which means 'not care in the least'.

I don't care a tinker's cuss for his opinion.

'Cuss' is slang for 'curse'. You can also say 'I don't give a tinker's cuss'. Tinkers are said to be notorious tor their swearing. In American English, 'tinker's damn' is used instead of 'tinker's cuss'.

I don't care a tinker's damn for him.

It is not worth a tinker's damn.

You can also say 'I don't care a tinker's damn'."

Published in The Hindu on May 17, 1988.

Word of the day

Contravention:
coming into conflict with

Synonyms: dispute

Usage: *His car was parked in contravention of the parking rules.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/contraventionpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: / ˌkɒn trəˈvɛn ʃən /

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A summit with substance

Arunabha Ghosh

is CEO, Council on Energy, Environment and Water. The French Presidency appointed him to the Group of Senior Economists of the One Planet Lab. He is also Vice-Chair of the UN Committee for Development Policy and an adviser to India's G20 presidency

As world leaders and finance moguls land in Paris for the Summit for a New Global Financing Pact, it's time to take concrete steps for sustainable finance and not let this be another international summit without substance. French President Emmanuel Macron says the agenda is to increase "financial solidarity with the [Global] South". India, the president of the G20 this year, is co-chairing the steering committee of the summit with France and can be counted on to be that voice of the Global South.

Promises and payment

Every day, the cost of climate change and inaction becomes dearer, particularly for low- and middle-income countries that face the brunt of it. According to One Planet Lab's white papers released for the Summit, the scale of investment needed to meet the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals, climate COP21 and Biodiversity COP15 objectives set at the global and national levels is to the tune of an additional $4 trillion every year. If you break down the maths, that's over $2 trillion a year to meet the Paris Agreement objectives and $2 trillion required to achieve the UN SDGs. But the hard truth is that only $204 billion of official development assistance came last year - a record in itself.

This gap between promises and payment goes to show that international funding is unpredictable and poorly structured, and does not address the liquidity challenges of developing countries. For instance, only 25% of global climate investment goes to South Asia, Latin America, and Africa, which house some of the most vulnerable regions. Further, global funds clamp down on the fiscal independence of these countries by posing several conditions before the money comes in. Domestically, too, the tax structures of developing countries lead to institutional weakness, illicit finance flows, and higher risk perceptions. The consequence: Developing countries pay for their own development transitions through limited public funds. And it's hard to mobilise private players to take the jump here because the returns are not high enough to bear the real or perceived risks of investing in low- and middle-income countries. Can Mr. Macron's summit turn the tide?

Three components

The finance summit is scheduled in the middle of a consequential year, which includes discussions around reforms of the World Bank, India's G20 presidency, the UN's SDG Summit, the UN Secretary-General's Climate Ambition Summit, and COP28 that will include the first Global Stocktake under the Paris Agreement. The summit will be successful if it can serve as a critical point for the transformation of international financial and development architecture. It must, therefore, include three components: Pact, platform, and pathway.

First, create a pact for global flows of finance that covers two levels of social contracts – domestic and international. At the domestic level, high debt limits the fiscal space of developing countries. Increasing this space of countries would need modernising and standardising existing tax structures, clamping down on illegal cross-border money movement, empowering tax administrations and curbing ineffectual fossil fuel subsidies. These efforts should be accompanied by proportionate taxation of actors and goods involved in emission-intensive global flows.

At the international level, finance is needed for adaptation as well as loss and damage stemming from climate change. Therefore, the international social contract must rest on a strong foundation of global solidarity rather than empty pledges. New resources can be mobilised by tapping into global flows, such as taxing the production of fossil fuels, shipping of goods, and transportation of fossil fuels. For instance, taxing each barrel of oil just one dollar would generate around $30 billion per year. Such an approach decouples financing for the vulnerable from the political resistance of taxpayers in rich countries.

Second, create a global platform to de-risk finance and mobilise large volumes of private investment in sustainable infrastructure. Vulnerable countries need several types of blended finance - for scaling renewables, clean tech for livelihoods, transitioning away from fossil fuels, and the co-development of emerging clean technologies. Financing these needs novel mechanisms, such as a Global Clean Investment Risk Mitigation Mechanism that pool risks across geographies and lower costs for all. Particular attention should be given to hedging against currency fluctuation risks that increase the cost of finance. Transparency and real-time data can bridge the psychological and financial divides.

Finally, chart a political pathway that creates time-bound deliverables on climate finance from one summit to another. Everything won't be achieved in a single finance summit but the France summit can prevent the can from being kicked further down the road. The summit must outline the maths of finance, the mechanisms of delivery, and establish the momentum for real investment over the next two years. When we approach the 80th anniversary of the UN in 2025, reformed finance for sustainable development should have formed the basis for renewed and meaningful multilateralism. The Global South, from where the bulk of global growth will come, has earned its seat at the table; the dishes served must now suit their palate.

Macron's finance summit must outline the pathway to real investment

A change of name for votes

The BJP-Shiv Sena alliance hopes to woo the OBCs by renaming places

STATE OF PLAY

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Earlier this month, the Eknath Shinde-led Maharashtra government decided to rename Ahmednagar district as Ahilya Nagar, after the 18th-century warrior queen Ahilya Devi Holkar. In February, it renamed Aurangabad as Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and Osmanabad as Dharashiv.

This renaming spree that the government has embarked on is a form of majoritarian politics. It suggests an erasure of those parts of history that are associated with Muslim rulers and can be seen as an attempt to make a community feel diminished by erasing its contributions to the nation. Aurangabad was named after Mughal emperor Aurangzeb; Osmanabad derived its name from the Nizam of Hyderabad, Mir Osman Ali Khan; and Ahmednagar is associated with Malik Ahmed Nizam Shah, the founder of the Nizam Shahi dynasty. This trend has also ignited communal unrest. About a week after the decision to rename Ahmednagar, tensions prevailed in Kolhapur following a protest by right-wing outfits over social media messages that reportedly glorified Aurangzeb and the 18th century Mysore ruler, Tipu Sultan.

It was, in fact, the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government which decided to name Aurangabad and Osmanabad in response to a long-standing demand of the Shiv Sena. This was the last Cabinet decision of the MVA government before it collapsed in June last year. After coming to power, the Shinde-Devendra Fadnavis government scrapped the decision stating that the Uddhav Thackeray-led government lacked a majority and claiming that the decision would face legal hurdles. Its Cabinet cleared the renaming proposal once again, and Aurangabad and Osmanabad were renamed in a way which the government hopes will appeal to its core voter base in the Marathwada region.

Now, by renaming Ahmednagar, which the locals simply refer to as Nagar, the government is aiming to woo the Dhangars, the shepherd community which holds significant electoral influence in western Maharashtra, Marathwada, and parts of northern Maharashtra, by invoking regional pride. Ahilya Devi Holkar, who was born in Ahmednagar's Choundi, belongs to the Dhangar community, which is today the second largest community in the State after the Maratha-Kunbis. There are 15,000-25,000 Dhangar voters in each of the at least seven Lok Sabha and about 40 Assembly constituencies. In high-profile constituencies which are the stronghold of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Sharad Pawar, including Baramati, Daund, Shirur, Indapur and Sangola, the Dhangars wield substantial voting power. This move aligns with the BJP's 'MADHAV' formula through which it hopes to consolidate the Malis (MA), Dhangars (DHA) and Vanjaras (V) and further expand its presence in western Maharashtra. It hopes to attract the powerful Other Backward Classes vote bank ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha and Assembly elections.

In the hope of weakening the NCP's hold on power in the region further, the government also announced that the Baramati Medical College would be renamed as Punyashlok Ahilya Devi Holkar Government Medical College. Mr. Pawar's daughter Supriya Sule represents the Baramati Lok Sabha constituency and his nephew Ajit Pawar is Baramati's MLA. These seats were previously held by Mr. Pawar.

The MVA has been careful about opposing the remaining as it fears that doing so would give the ruling alliance an advantage. It also does not want to seen as engaging in 'Muslim appeasement' politics given the widespread narrative that Muslim rulers were anti-Hindu and brutal.

Meanwhile, the dominant Maratha community, which believes that the Dhangars with the support of the BJP are trying to control power in the State, has opposed the renaming of Ahmednagar. Initially, even the BJP's Revenue Minister Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil and his son Dr. Sujay-Vikhe Patil, who belong to the Maratha community from Ahmednagar, was against the demand.

The renaming decisions have far-reaching implications. They underscore the delicate balance between asserting regional and caste identities, appealing to a specific voter base, and maintaining communal harmony. Whether such name changes actually bring in votes remains to be seen. But ruling parties should ensure inclusivity and unity while navigating sensitive matters like these.

In non-English language Wikipedia, Urdu, Hindi and Tamil lead

Among languages mostly confined to a State, Tamil dominates with over 1.5 lakh articles

DATA POINT

Vignesh Radhakrishnan

In India, if we consider non-English language Wikipedia, the highest number of articles are available in Urdu, Hindi and Tamil. A non-English language Wikipedia is not a translation of English articles. It is self-sustaining: active users and moderators create and moderate content in their languages. Among languages which are mostly confined to a State, Tamil leads by a wide margin, with 1.6 times more articles than the second best, Marathi, followed by Malayalam and Telugu.

Understandably, when all the global languages are considered, English leads the list with 66,71,236 articles. **Chart 1** lists the 320 languages in which Wikipedia articles are available. The bigger the size of the bubble, the more the number of articles. Interestingly, Cebuano, a regional language spoken widely in the Philippines, has the second highest number of articles in Wikipedia (61,23,197). The Cebuano entries are written with Latin alphabets. However, news reports show that many entries were made in Cebuano by a bot.

German (around 28.1 lakh), Swedish (25.6 lakh), French (25.3 lakh) and Dutch (21.2 lakh) are the other prominent languages in which a considerable number of Wikipedia articles are maintained. There are relatively few articles in Chinese and Cantonese (13.6 lakh articles and 1.3 lakh, respectively) despite the fact that many more people speak these languages.

Chart 2 lists the 23 languages spoken in India in which Wikipedia articles are available. Urdu, Hindi, and Tamil lead with 1.5 lakh-2 lakh articles each, followed by Bangla, spoken widely in West Bengal and Bangladesh, with 1.4 lakh articles. Among other languages confined to a State, Marathi, Malayalam, Telugu, and Punjabi dominate, with 0.5 lakh-1 lakh articles each. There were around 12,000 articles in Sanskrit, and around 15,000 in Sindhi.

There are no Wikipedia articles in two of the 22 languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution: Bodo and Dogri. On the other hand, Bhojpuri, Bishnupriya, and Tulu (with just 1,884 articles and featuring last) are the non-scheduled languages in which Wikipedia articles are available. Of them, interestingly, there were over 25,000 articles in Bishnupriya, which had 79,646 recorded speakers as per the 2011 Census. The number of articles in Bishnupriya is just 5,000 less than the entries in Gujarati and Kannada.

Chart 3 shows the number of Wikipedia administrators available in each language, who can delete and undelete pages, block users, edit protected pages, and grant rights to others. They have been given extra editing privileges by the Wikipedia community. English language administrators dominate (898), while German and French are a distant second and third. Among the Indian languages, Tamil leads with 35 administrators, followed by Malayalam (15) and Bangla (14). Hindi has six administrators and Sanskrit, three.

Chart 4 shows the number of Wikipedia users. A user is one who has created an account on the site. Those who browse Wikipedia without registrations are not considered users. English dominates with over 4.5 crore users, while all the other languages have less than 1 crore users. Among the Indian languages, Hindi dominates with 7.6 lakh users, and among languages mostly confined to a State, Tamil leads with 2.2 lakh.

Chart 5 shows the number of active Wikipedia users. An active user is a registered user who has performed an action in the last one month, which includes editing an article or taking part in page discussions. The dominant languages of active users were similar to that of the users.

320 languages and counting...
The world's most active and collaboratively built encyclopedia is now in 320 languages including 20 of India's Scheduled Languages. Here is a language-wise break-up of articles on Wikipedia. Charts are based on data sourced from meta.wikimedia.org and the Census 2011 website
WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia
Chart 1 | The chart shows the 320 languages in which Wikipedia articles are available
English (66.7 lakh)
Swedish
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Chinese
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Malayalam
Telugu
Punjabi
Tamil 1.54 lakh
Nepali
Hindi 1.57 lakh
Marathi
Bangla
Urdu 1.91 lakh
Chart 3 | The number of Wikipedia administrators who have been given extra editing privileges
English 898
French
Italian
Polish
German
Tamil 35
Malayalam
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English 4.5 crore
Spanish
Hindi 7.6 lakh
Tamil
Malayalam
Chart 5 | The number of active Wikipedia users (a registered user who has performed an action in the last one month)
English 1.2 lakh
French
Russian
Hindi 1,150
Urdu
Tamil

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 20, 1973

12 lakh applicants for 14,000 jobs

Trivandrum, June 19: A deluge of 10 to 12 lakh applications for about 14,000 jobs under the special employment programme for the educated has virtually swamped the office of the Kerala Public Service Commission here. Stacks of these applications have left hardly any working space for the Commission's staff, numbering 60, and even paralysed the normal functioning of the office. As this special recruitment has to be completed before the end of next month, the processing of the unmanageable number of applications itself would require additional hands and thereby generate additional employment. While for the normal recruitment, about two lakh applications are usually received spread over a year, the present rush of applications has come in just one month. Some of the candidates have applied for more than one post. Mr. V.R.C. Pillai, President of the Public Service Commission Staff Association, told pressmen that the applications have yet to be entered in the register. Worse still, he said that court fees of the value of Rs. 2, Rs. 5 and Rs. 10 affixed by the candidates in their applications remain to be cancelled and that this could create serious problems. All this pointed to the need for appointment of additional hands and for making the selection procedure practicable. Under the programme, candidates will be selected as apprentices or volunteers for training in preparation of land records, land reclamation and soil conservation and as teachers. They will be paid stipends, to be borne by the Centre, ranging from Rs. 100 for matriculates and Rs. 150 for graduates to Rs. 400 per month for engineering degree holders.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 20, 1923

In England

London, June 19: Agitation is taking place throughout the country with reference to the proposal to re-assess all house property to ordinary levy of income-tax on post war values and has evoked the announcement of a number of important concessions in the Commons, including increased allowance for repairs and reduction of inhabited house duty. It is estimated that the concessions will cost the exchequer a million and a half sterling.

From Page One

HC admits review plea by Meitei body

Manipur has been seeing continuous ethnic violence between the dominant valley-based Meitei people and the hill-based Kuki-Zomi tribal people since May 3, when violence started shortly after a tribal protest against the contentious March 27 order. In the order, Justice Muralidharan had directed the Manipur government to reply to the Union Tribal Affairs Ministry on a file related to the request for the Meiteis' inclusion on the Scheduled Tribe list.

The High Court had noted that the Meitei people had submitted multiple requests for ST status to the Union government from 2013 onwards and these were forwarded to the State government seeking a formal recommendation as per procedure. However, the Manipur government never acted on them, the High Court added before directing it to respond to the Union government.

Meanwhile, the appeal against the March 27 order, filed by the All Manipur Tribal Union (AMTU), has been listed for its next hearing later this week. In this appeal, the MTU has already filed its objections and the Centre has decided not to object to the appeal.

But the State government in Manipur is yet to take a call on whether they want to join the appeal or not.

Punjab steps in to help Karnataka with rice

"It is unfortunate that the foodgrains are rotting in godowns, and the Centre is showing step-motherly attitude towards the non-BJP ruled States. AAP has come forward to help because the scheme is aimed at mitigating the problems of the poor," he told *The Hindu*.

Meanwhile, reiterating that the Centre was indulging in politics over supply of rice, Mr. Siddaramaiah on Monday told presspersons that efforts are on to get the price list from National Co-operative Consumers Federation, National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation and the central pool to procure rice for the pro-poor scheme. "We will take details of the quantum of rice that these agencies can supply. We will try to procure rice through the tender also."

He said that the cost and other modalities are being worked out with Punjab for supply of rice.

When his response was sought on whether the State had time to procure rice to ensure the launch on July 1, he said: "The government is making effort to implement the scheme on July 1. Irrespective of politics over supply, we will implement Anna Bhagya."

Mr. Siddaramaiah also said that if the State decides to provide 2 kg of either ragi or jowar, the stock in the State will last for six months.

Khalistani Tiger Force chief gunned down

They fled the scene after firing at him from close range. His killing triggered an instant protest by the members of his community.

Nijjar was declared a terrorist under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in July 2020 through a Ministry of Home Affairs notification, which stated that he had been posting photos and videos on social media platforms to spread "insurrectionary imputations and hateful speeches". He was also accused of attempting to create disharmony among different communities in India.

The Punjab Police had also registered multiple cases against the KTF chief who hailed from Bharsinghpura village in Jalandhar. He moved to Canada in 1997 and lived there with his wife and two sons. He worked as a plumber and was elected as the Surrey gurdwara managing committee head. A Red Notice was issued against him in 2016.

In 2022, the NIA declared a reward of ₹10 lakh for information leading to Nijjar's arrest in cases registered in 2018, 2019 and 2021.

ED moves top court for custody of Senthilbalaji

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday moved the Supreme Court accusing Tamil Nadu Minister V. Senthilbalaji, arrested in a money-laundering case related to a cash-for-jobs scam, of "feigning illness immediately upon arrest" and getting himself admitted to a private hospital during remand in a bid to render the investigation "otiose and meaningless".

The top court has listed the case for hearing on June 21. The Central agency filed two petitions in the current case.

One of the cases was against the habeas corpus petition filed by Mr. Senthilbalaji's wife in the Madras High Court; and another against the conditions laid for the ED by the Principal Sessions Court while undertaking custodial interrogation of the accused.

Appearing before a Vacation Bench led by Justice Surya Kant on Monday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, for the ED, said it wanted the Minister back in its custody as soon as he was discharged from the private hospital. In the meanwhile, the ED said the time he spends in the private hospital should not be deemed as "effective custody". Mr. Senthilbalaji was arrested in the early hours of June 14.

'Modi, Biden to discuss every issue relevant to India, U.S.'

Foreign Secretary says that India and U.S. are focused on how defence industrial companies can form a supply line ecosystem; the PM will also interact with the Indian diaspora in two phases

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi and Ausaf Sayeed during a press conference. PTI

Every global and regional issue that is relevant to India and the U.S. is expected to feature in the bilateral dialogue that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold with President Joe Biden during his upcoming official state visit to the U.S., Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said on Monday.

Apart from official engagements, Mr. Modi's visit will include meetings with the Indian diaspora and CEOs from the corporate world.

"Every regional and global issue that are important in the context of India-U.S. relationship will be discussed [by Mr. Modi and Mr. Biden] as per availability of time," Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said in a special briefing on the visit, explaining that "larger issues" that are of strategic importance to both sides would be taken up during the meeting.

Talks between leaders

The discussion between the two leaders will also include India's presidency of the G-20, which will meet here in India at the level of the leaders in September. Mr. Modi's visit comes at crucial time for South Asia, which is witnessing political instability and conflicts in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Myanmar.

That apart, the U.S. in recent months has taken several steps, including the imposition of a ban on visa to disruptors of democracy in election-bound Bangladesh. As a result of these factors that are unfolding in India's vicinity, there are expectations that the Modi-Biden talks may also take up regionally significant developments.

"The focus is on what India is trying to do in its G-20 presidency, especially regarding priorities, interests and concerns of the Global South. The large chunk of the Global South remains unrepresented in the G-20. The idea is to put that on the table in terms of it being included into the G-20. These will feature in the discussion that the honourable Prime Minister and the President will hold," Mr. Kwatra said, indicating that Africa will feature in the bilateral discussion between the two sides, especially in the context of the G-20.

Ceremonial welcome

Mr. Modi will receive a ceremonial welcome at the White House on June 22 morning, which is expected to be attended by a large number of invitees. The bilateral official discussion that will follow, Mr. Kwatra said, is likely to include a "strong tech component" covering telecom, space, manufacturing, and possibly semiconductors.

The Prime Minister's first event upon landing in the U.S. will take place in the premises of the United Nations, where he will lead a large number of yoga enthusiasts on International Day of Yoga. Diplomats from many UN member countries are expected to participate.

Yoga event

The annual event under the UN began after the UN General Assembly passed a resolution in 2014 to adopt the International Day of Yoga.

Mr. Kwatra said India and the U.S. are focused on the relatively new component of the relationship of "defence industrial companies". "We are working on how Indian and American defence industrial companies can form a supply line ecosystem," Mr. Kwatra said.

The Foreign Secretary said Mr. Modi's interactions with business leaders and the Indian diaspora would be held in two phases, with one event taking place at the Kennedy Center, which will include captains of industry and young achievers from the Indian American community.

Another diaspora event is being planned by the Indian community at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Centre on the evening of June 23. This will be the last event that Mr. Modi will attend before flying to Egypt, where he will pay a state visit from June 24 to 25.

Congress demands White Paper on China border issue

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Manish Tewari

The Congress on Monday demanded a White Paper on the border situation with China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and asserted that it would press for a comprehensive discussion on the issue in the Monsoon Session of Parliament.

Addressing a press conference at the Congress headquarters, former Union Minister Manish Tewari said three years ago, on June 19, 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had told an all-party meeting that "neither has anyone entered our border, nor any post is in the possession of others".

Mr. Tewari said Mr. Modi's remarks were contrary to a statement issued by the External Affairs Ministry a day before, where it had clearly stated that the Galwan incident took place because Chinese soldiers tried to intrude and set up tents on the Indian side of the border. "As a responsible Opposition, we demand a comprehensive discussion on the India-China border dispute. We also demand that a White Paper be issued on what is the truth of the developments that have happened on the LAC in the last three years," the Congress leader said.

"There have been 18 border-level talks in the last three years. When there was no intrusion, then what is the truth of the continuous discussions for three years?" he added.

Referring to a document, presented by a police official in Ladakh earlier, Mr. Tewari asked if the claim that Indian forces have lost control over 26 of the 65 patrolling points on the LAC is accurate.

"Is it true that buffer zones have been created within our borders? What did the Government of India do to stop the transgressions on the LAC by China? Why was China not discussed even once in Parliament or the Parliamentary Standing Committee of the Ministry of Defence?" asked Mr. Tewari.

Countering the Prime Minister's statement that no one had entered Indian territory, he asked, "Why did Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hold a two-and-a-half-hour-long discussion with his Chinese counterpart during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting in Moscow on September 5, 2020?"

Raj Bhavan control room in West Bengal gets hundreds of plaints on panchayat polls

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

C.V. Ananda Bose

Within a day of its opening, the control room set up at the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata to register grievances relating to the panchayat elections in West Bengal has received more than 300 complaints.

Governor C.V. Ananda Bose said the complaints received would be forwarded to the State government and the State Election Commission.

On Monday, Mr. Bose urged officials to speak with compassion to those reaching out, but not make any commitments to them.

The Governor said the 'peace room' was necessary as certain misguided elements had opened up 'war rooms' in different parts of the State.

Asked why the Governor had intervened in the electoral process, Mr. Bose said he was performing his duty and pointed out that the oath he took as the Governor of the State also said that he has to ensure the well-being of the people. "People of West Bengal are demanding fair elections. If there is any threat to them, I will intervene. All the stakeholders, the people, the government, the State Election Commissioner and the Governor have to play their roles together," he said.

BJP MP from Darjeeling Raju Bista called the control room and alleged that there was a threat to his life. The complaint was forwarded to the State Election Commission, which in turn sent it to Superintendent of Police, Darjeeling. Officials said they received complaints from Trinamool Congress supporters as well.

People of West Bengal never observed foundation day, Chief Minister tells Governor

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The CM tells the Governor that the State was formed through infamous Radcliffe Award

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday wrote to Governor C.V. Ananda Bose urging him not to hold an event at the Raj Bhavan on Tuesday to commemorate the foundation day of the State.

Ms. Banerjee said the State was not founded on any particular day, least of all on 20th of June. "I am stunned and shocked to know that you have decided to organise a programme on 20.06.2023, at Raj Bhavan, Kolkata, commemorating what you have peculiarly chosen to describe as 'the State Foundation Day of West Bengal'," the Chief Minister wrote.

Ms. Banerjee also pointed out to a telephone conversation between her and the Governor where he had "admitted that unilateral and non-consultative decision to declare a particular day as the foundation day of the State of West Bengal is not warranted" and was "kind enough to assure that you would not proceed to hold the programme".

Meanwhile, the Governor's office has issued an invitation to observe the State foundation day at the Throne Hall at the Raj Bhavan.

She pointed out that since Independence, people of West Bengal "have never rejoiced over, or commemorated, or celebrated, any day as the foundation day". "Rather, we have seen Partition as a result of the unleashing of communal forces that could not be resisted at that point of time," she added. In the two-page letter, she emphasised that the State was formed through the infamous Radcliffe Award, "which was given legitimacy by the departing colonial/imperial government".

Manjhi pulls out of grand alliance, to meet Shah in Delhi

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) on Monday announced withdrawal of support to the Nitish Kumar government and submitted a letter to Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.

The announcement was made after the party convened its national executive committee meeting at the residence of former Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi. At present, HAM has four members in the Bihar Assembly and one member in the Bihar Legislative Council. However, withdrawal of support would not impact Mr. Kumar's government.

India gifts *INS Kirpan* to Vietnam, focuses on enhancing defence relations, security

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Fresh ties: Rajnath Singh and Vietnam Defence Minister General Phan Van Giang in New Delhi on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

India gifted the indigenously-built in-service missile corvette *INS Kirpan* to Vietnam to enhance its naval capabilities. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced this on Monday after bilateral talks with his visiting Vietnamese counterpart General Phan Van Gang.

"Progress on various bilateral defence cooperation initiatives was reviewed during the meeting, with both sides expressing satisfaction at the ongoing engagements," a Defence Ministry statement said on the talks while stating that the two Ministers focused on enhancing cooperation between defence industries of both countries and maritime security.

Both Ministers identified means to enhance existing areas of collaboration, especially in the field of defence industry cooperation, maritime security and multinational cooperation, the Ministry said. Gen. Phan also visited headquarters of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and discussed ways to enhance "defence industrial capabilities by cooperation in defence research and joint production".

Earlier in the day, Gen. Phan laid a wreath at the National War Memorial and was later given a triservice guard of honour. He arrived in India on Sunday on a two-day visit.

INS Kirpan is a Khukri class missile corvette displacing 1,350 tonnes and was commissioned into the Navy on January 12, 1991. It has a displacement of close to 1,400 tonnes, a length of 91 metres, a beam of 11 metres and is capable of speed in excess of 25 knots. The ship is fitted with a medium range gun, 30 mm close range guns, chaff launchers and surface-to-surface missiles, according to the Navy.

In June 2022, India and Vietnam signed an MoU on mutual logistics support in presence of the two Defence Ministers during Mr. Singh's visit to the South East Asian nation. The two Defence Ministers also signed the 'Joint Vision Statement on India-Vietnam defence partnership towards 2030'.

Hanoi has procured 12 high speed patrol boats for the Vietnamese border guard force under a $100mn Line of Credit (LoC) extended in 2014.

Bengal polls: SC to hear pleas on Central forces' deployment

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to urgently hear petitions filed by the West Bengal government and the State Election Commission (SEC) against a Calcutta High Court order on June 15 to deploy Central security forces within 48 hours ahead of the panchayat elections in the State.

A Vacation Bench of Justices Surya Kant and M.M. Sundresh, on a mention made by senior advocate Meenakshi Arora, for the SEC, and advocate Sunil Fernandes, for the West Bengal government, agreed to hear both their appeals on Tuesday. Ms. Arora said it was up to the SEC to make the threat assessment, booth-wise.

BJP interested in prolonging the Manipur conflict: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Stepping up its attack on the Narendra Modi government, the Congress on Monday said that "every passing day of neglect" confirms the belief that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is interested in prolonging the conflict.

On Monday, leaders of 10 like-minded Opposition political parties from Manipur, including the Congress, held a discussion on the situation in the State at the All India Congress Committee general secretary Jairam Ramesh's official residence here.

"Manipur is burning since 49 days. On Day 50, will PM @narendramodi fly away to foreign lands, without uttering a single word on the ongoing crisis? Hundreds dead, thousands rendered homeless, countless churches and places of worship destroyed, and a State administration that is part of the problem, not the solution. To make matters even worse, the violence is now spreading to Mizoram as well," tweeted Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal.

The Congress leader asked when the "self-styled *vishwaguru*" would "listen to Manipur *Ki Baat*".

'President's Rule is the last option in Manipur; govt. will wait and watch'

The BJP is in a dilemma regarding the continuance of Biren Singh as Manipur CM as violence continues; his removal could alienate Meitei community more, the party fears; President's Rule could push back normalcy in State as AFSPA may return

Nistula Hebbar
Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

As ethnic violence and protests continue in Manipur for more than 45 days, multiple sources in the government and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said that imposing President's Rule in the State was the "last option" and the idea was to exhaust the other available measures first.

Several organisations have demanded the imposition of President's Rule in the State owing to perceived and known biases in the State administration and security forces. While MLAs from the Kuki tribe, including those from the BJP, have blamed the State police for planning attacks against the community, the dominant Meitei community has accused the Assam Rifles of helping the Kuki insurgent groups.

The BJP is in a dilemma regarding the continuance of Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh in the post. Removing him at this juncture could alienate the Meitei community more, and also lead to President's Rule.

Taking guard: Indian Army soldiers patrol a violence-hit area at Irengbam in Bishnupur of Manipur on Monday. ANI

"Biren Singh's removal will lead to alienation among the Meitei community, but President's Rule will also mean takeover by Central forces, and a return of instruments like the Armed Forces Special Powers Act [AFSPA] that the Centre had worked so hard to withdraw from various districts of northeastern States, including Manipur," said a senior source in the BJP.

Political processes would have to take a back seat, as would civil administration, a situation that would push back normalcy as well, said the source. And yet, the attacks on even residences of BJP MLAs are still on, with Union Minister Rajkumar Ranjan Singh's house being torched recently.

Protests in U.S.

There are reports that Meitei organisations in the U.S. have planned to organise protests in Washington DC during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to the U.S. this week. The Association of Meitei in the Americas has announced a demonstration at Lafayette Park in the U.S. capital on June 22.

A senior government official said they were not expecting the situation to become better anytime soon. "We are taking all kinds of measures, which include outreach as well as combing operations. It is wait and watch for now, we are mindful that it may take months also. When the Kuki-Naga conflict happened in the 1990s, more than 700 people were killed and it took years to bring in normalcy," the official said.

To add to this, the unified command, headed by retired Central Reserve Police Force Director-General Kuldiep Singh, is also facing teething issues with multiple reporting channels. The command was announced by Home Minister Amit Shah during his visit to the State from May 29 to June 1.

More than 40,000 Army and Central Armed Police Force personnel have been deployed in the State. There are three verticals at present operating in the State under the Inter-Agency Unified Command, the Combined Headquarter, Strategy and Operations Group and the Operational Intelligence Wing. An official said though regular meetings were held among the agencies, "coordination" was a problem.

The Home Ministry had in the past two years rolled back AFSPA from certain areas in Manipur owing to improved security situation, till the ethnic violence erupted on May 3. Out of the 92 police stations in Manipur, AFSPA was removed from the limits of 19 police stations. All of them are in the Valley.

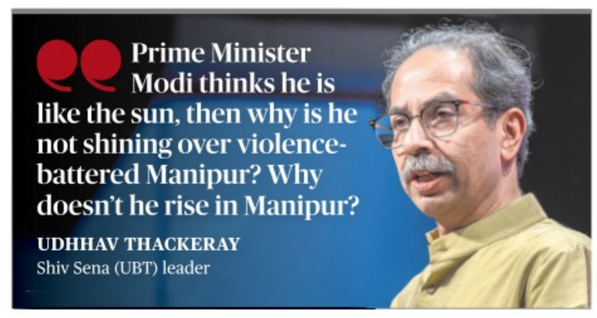
"If the Army has to conduct an operation where AFSPA is not there, the civil staff such as the Executive Magistrates have to be requisitioned, which leads to loss of precious time," said the official.

Internet restoration

Another government official said that Internet was unlikely to be restored in the State immediately. "There are hundreds of videos of violence inflicted on both the communities. We do not want any fresh flare-up as emotions are high," said the official.

Pointing to the difficulties in maintaining law and order, the official said the police was deeply divided on ethnic lines and they were seeking the help of the Central forces. As reported, the Central forces are being deployed in buffer zones – the areas where the hills and valley, occupied by the Kukis and non-tribal Meitei, merge.

More than 50,000 people have been displaced in the ongoing violence.


Prime Minister Modi thinks he is like the sun, then why is he not shining over violence-battered Manipur? Why doesn't he rise in Manipur?
UDHHAV THACKERAY
Shiv Sena (UBT) leader

Shinde, Thackeray trade barbs on Shiv Sena foundation day

Abhinay Deshpande
MUMBAI

The warring factions of Shiv Sena engaged in a verbal duel during the party's 57th foundation day celebrations on Monday with Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde saying his rebellion "ensured the party's survival" and former CM Uddhav Thackeray labelling Mr. Shinde's supporters as "looters".

Both strived to establish themselves as the 'real' protectors of Shiv Sena founder late Bal Thackeray's Hindutva legacy.

While Mr. Shinde addressed a massive gathering at NESCO Centre in Goregaon, Mr. Thackeray celebrated the foundation day at the usual Shanmukhananda Hall at Sion.

"Looters have gathered in Goregaon to celebrate our party's foundation day. Prime Minister Modi thinks he is like the sun, then why is he not shining over violence-battered Manipur? Why doesn't he rise in Manipur?" said Mr. Thackeray and questioned Mr. Modi's visit to the U.S. at a time when the northeastern State is "burning".

He also hit out at former ally BJP and said, "The double-engine *sarkar* seems to have derailed in Manipur. Only one engine [referring to Union Home Minister Amit Shah] visited Manipur, where is the other one?"

On Hindutva, the Shiv Sena (UBT) leader said, "Our Hindutva did not tell us to be happy when BJP leaders are attacked in Manipur. In Kashmir or Manipur, if Hindus are attacked, then BJP's Hindutva ideology has failed."

Mr. Shinde too took aim at his former 'boss' over the issue of ideology. He called Mr. Thackeray a "traitor" for joining hands with the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and Congress to form the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government in 2019. "You can accuse us of anything, but you won't get sympathy. You are a traitor to Balasaheb's ideology," he said.

'Rebellion saved party'

During his address, the Chief Minister said that had he not rebelled against Mr. Thackeray in June last year, the party would not have survived till now, and vowed to turn Mr. Thackeray into "garbage".

The Shiv Sena led by Mr. Shinde displayed massive hoardings and posters featuring his two mentors – late Bal Thackeray and late Anand Dighe. Shiv Sena (UBT)'s hoardings featured photographs of Bal Thackeray, his son Mr. Thackeray and grandson Aaditya with the message: *Nishtavanancha kutumbhshohala; Shiv Sena parivar jaga vegla* (This is the gathering of unwavering loyalists; Shiv Sena family stands apart from the world).

This is the party's first foundation day after the split last year when Mr. Shinde rebelled against then CM Thackeray, resulting in the downfall of the MVA government in Maharashtra.

Uniform Civil Code part of Directive Principles of State Policy, says Rajnath Singh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday questioned the controversy being created over Uniform Civil Code, saying it was part of the Directive Principles of State Policy laid down in the Constitution.

"Is Uniform Civil Code not in the Directive Principles of the Constitution of India? Why is then controversy being created over this?" Mr. Singh said.

"If the government does something by deviating from the Constitution, going beyond its limits, then it should be considered wrong. But here, it is not the BJP which made the Constitution, it was Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar who made the Constitution and Jawaharlal Nehru was also part of the team."

Rajnath Singh

Mr. Singh was speaking at an event in Uttarakhand to mark the completion of nine years of the Narendra Modi government at the Centre.

The Minister said the Law Commission was collecting opinion about the UCC from across the country.

"Is there no UCC in Goa? Why are there objections? Is there no UCC in M.P.?" Mr. Singh said.

He added that all objections against the UCC was part of vote-bank politics.

Uniform Civil Code against spirit of Constitution: Muslim bodies

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Leading Muslim bodies have come out in opposition to the proposed Uniform Civil Code (UCC).

Calling the Law Commission's move to seek suggestions from all stakeholders for a common code "against the spirit of the Constitution" and "contrary to religious freedom enjoyed by all citizens", the All India Muslim Personal Law Board urged the government to think over the proposal again. "It is an attempt at polarisation and a diversionary tactic by the government," it said.

The Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind and the Jamaat-e-Islami Hind also came out strongly against the proposal to examine afresh the desirability of a common civil law. The general body meeting of the Jamiat called the UCC questionnaire an exercise "against the Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Constitution". "It is unacceptable and detrimental to the integrity of the country," Arshad Madani, president of the Jamiat, said.

Gandhi Prize is a great honour, says Gita Press, declines cash award

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Gita Press on Monday said it was a "matter of great honour" to be conferred the Gandhi Peace Prize but added that it would not accept the cash component of the award keeping with its tradition of not receiving any kind of donation.

The publisher thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Culture Ministry for conferring the prestigious award on it. The recipients get ₹1 crore, a citation, a plaque, and an exquisite traditional handicraft or handloom item.

"It is a matter of great honour for us. It is our principle not to accept any kind of donations, so the trustee board has decided not to take the award in any monetary form. However, we will certainly accept the award for the honour of it," Gita Press manager Lalmani Tripathi said. Established in 1923, Gita Press is one of the world's largest publishers of Hindu religious texts.

BJP hails decision

A day after the Congress called the decision to award the prize to the publisher a "travesty", saying that it was akin to "awarding Savarkar and Godse", the BJP on Monday hailed the move.

BJP president J.P. Nadda said, "Your contribution for the last 100 years in the preservation and flourishing of India's glorious Sanatan culture is commendable. The selfless service that you have done by taking our holy books across the globe is an inspiration for all of us."

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said, "If India's glorious ancient Sanatan culture and scriptures can be read easily today, it is due to Gita Press's unmatched contribution. Conferring Gandhi Peace Prize 2021 on Gita Press is an honour of the work being done by it."

Union Minister Jitendra Singh said "Gita Press is associated with the culture of India, associated with Hindu beliefs... and those levelling allegations against Gita Press were those who say that Muslim League was secular".

Meanwhile, Communist Party of India (CPI) MP P. Sandosh Kumar wrote to Mr. Modi opposing the decision, saying, "Since its inception, Gita Press has been instrumental in spreading the ideology of militant Hindu nationalism."

Court rejects ex-IPS officer's plea in Gujarat riots case

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

In a setback to former IPS officer R.B. Sreekumar, a local court in Ahmedabad on Monday rejected his plea seeking discharge in a case registered against him for fabricating evidence linked to the 2002 Gujarat riots. A detailed order is still awaited.

He was booked and arrested along with Mumbai-based social activist Teesta Setalvad and another former IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt.

Mr. Sreekumar had filed a plea seeking discharge contending that whatever submissions he had made before the judicial commission while he was serving as a top police official of the State could not be used against him to prosecute him as per a Supreme Court order.

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UN rights chief seeks to establish presence in China and India

Press Trust of India
GENEVA

The United Nations Human Rights chief called on Monday for greater political support for his office as he seeks to expand its work by establishing a first-time presence in China and India.

Volker Turk, who took over as High Commissioner late last year, used his opening speech to the Human Rights Council to call for greater cooperation and singled out many countries such as Syria, Iran, Israel, Russia and Eritrea that should do more.

"We would now like to scale up engagement," he told the Geneva council, saying he wanted to do more monitoring work in countries such as Brazil and the United States.

"I also believe that it is important for us to establish a presence for the first time in China and India," he added.

The U.N. rights office has a presence in 95 countries.

There was no immediate reaction from Beijing or New Delhi to Mr. Turk's suggestion.

Mr. Turk also said he would like to double his office's budget to step up global monitoring. While human rights are one of the four UN "pillars", alongside peace and security, the rule of law and development, it gets just 4% of a general budget.

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INBRIEF

Flood situation improves in Assam; 31,000 still affected

The flood situation in Assam improved marginally on Monday, though nearly 31,000 people are still reeling under the deluge across 10 districts of Assam, an official bulletin said. Till Sunday, nearly 33,500 people were suffering from floods across 12 districts of Assam. According to the daily flood report of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), more than 30,700 people are affected. The ASDMA report said districts of Chirang, Darrang, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Kokrajhar, Lakhimpur, Nalbari, Sonitpur and Udalguri are now affected by the deluge. Lakhimpur is the worst hit with over 22,000 people suffering, followed by Dibrugarh with 3,800 people affected. PTI

26 people stranded near Himachal lake, rescued

In a joint effort, the police and disaster management teams rescued 26 people, including tourists, who were stranded near the Kaneri Lake in heavy rain, about 10 km from Dharamshala in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh, officials said on Monday. The tourists and the local people, who were stuck near the lake as a *nallah* (drain) overflowed, were rescued on Sunday night by the Kangra Police and the State Disaster Management Authority, the officials said. All the tourists were safe and brought to Dharamshala, officials said. They were from Delhi, Rajasthan, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. PTI

Former Gujarat legislator Govabhai Rabari joins BJP

Former Gujarat Congress legislator Govabhai Rabari joined the BJP on Monday, ending his three-decade-old affiliation with the Congress in the State. A three-time MLA, Mr. Rabari was inducted into the BJP by State chief C.R. Patil, who called the former legislator a prominent OBC leader in Banaskantha district of north Gujarat. Mr. Rabari, who had contested eight Assembly elections, said that the BJP, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was undertaking development works for all communities in the State. He also alleged that the Congress had relinquished the politics of development.

Congress depriving Rajasthan of development: Piyush Goyal

Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday said the Rajasthan government's act of keeping the people deprived of development during the last four-and-a-half years was "another form of corruption". The "weak leadership" of the ruling Congress was only trying to save its chair in the State, he said. Mr. Goyal was on a visit to Rajasthan to attend the BJP's outreach programme marking the completion of nine years of its government at the Centre. Addressing the gathering, he said the Congress, busy with its internal wrangling, had failed to fulfil the promises made in its manifesto for the 2018 Assembly election. He also alleged that the MLAs and Ministers are involved in illegal mining.

Ladakh leaders meet Union Minister, demand statehood

The delegation objects to the composition of a high-powered committee in its interaction with Nityanand Rai; they also seek protections under the Constitution provided to tribal areas

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai on Monday met a delegation from Ladakh. The delegation comprising leaders from Kargil and Leh reiterated the demand for statehood and constitutional safeguards for the Union Territory.

The meeting comes amid persistent demands and protests in the Union Territory for inclusion under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution that provides protection to tribal areas.

Detailed talks

Mr. Rai held detailed deliberations with the delegation who were promised that dialogues would continue. "We discussed our demands and raised our objection to the composition of the high-powered committee," social-political activist Sajjad Hussain, a member of the delegation said.

Persistent demand: Home Ministry officials feel the scope of talks should be all encompassing and not be limited to statehood. ANI

The delegation included former Ladakh MP Thupstan Chhewang and former MLAs Chering Dorjey and Nawang Rigzin Jora from the Leh Apex Body. Qamar Ali Akhoon and Haji Asgar Ali Karbalaie – both former MLAs – and Mr. Hussain represented the Kargil Democratic Alliance.

On January 2, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) constituted a high-powered committee to "ensure protection of land and employment" for the people of Ladakh but the committee was rejected by Apex Body Leh and Kargil Democratic Alliance.

According to a committee member, Home Ministry officials felt the scope of talks should not be limited to statehood and the three other demands but should be all encompassing.

Other demands

The other demands are separate Lok Sabha seats for Leh and Kargil districts and filling of existing vacancies. Ladakh has shut down multiple times and protested on several occasions in the past three years over these demands.

The special status of the former State of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution has been repealed and it was bifurcated into two Union Territories – J&K and Ladakh, the latter without a legislative Assembly.

(With PTI inputs)

Senior IPS officer Ravi Sinha appointed next chief of RAW

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Ravi Sinha

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on Monday appointed senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Ravi Sinha as Secretary, Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), the country's external intelligence agency.

Mr. Sinha succeeds Samant Kumar Goel, who will complete his four-year tenure on June 30, an official order said.

A 1988-batch IPS officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre, Mr. Sinha is currently Special Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat.

The ACC has approved Mr. Sinha's appointment as Secretary, RAW, for a tenure of two years, the order issued by the Ministry of Personnel said. Mr. Sinha has been posted with RAW for the past 20 years and was heading the counter-terrorism wing.

His predecessor, Mr. Goel, was appointed RAW chief for two years in June 2019. He was later given two extensions.

The 59-year-old Mr. Sinha has been credited with making a significant progress in employing modern technology in the process of intelligence gathering.

In his new role, Mr. Sinha is expected to integrate technological and human intelligence dimensions to address the challenges of today's times.

(With inputs from PTI)

Sociologist, author Imtiaz Ahmad passes away at 83

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Imtiaz Ahmad, sociologist, author and former Professor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), passed away on Monday. He was 83.

He had been under treatment at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences here.

Professor Ahmad is known for his works on caste in Islam. He worked with keen interest in social anthropology and taught sociology, political science and Islamic studies in various universities in India and abroad.

Imtiaz Ahmad

Areas of interest

Professor Ahmad's areas of interest included social stratification, communalism and ethnic conflicts, social movements, Islamic transformations, refugees and migrants, child rights and child labour, poverty alleviation and development and society.

Born in 1940, he completed his graduation and postgraduation from Lucknow University. He completed his research from Delhi University and the University of Chicago. *Caste and Social Stratification among Muslims in India*, published in 1973, is considered his seminal work.

Before taking up the post of lecturer in the Sociology Department of Delhi College, he worked as a senior research analyst with the UNESCO Research Centre.

Later, he joined as Professor of political sociology at the JNU. He was a Visiting Professor at the University of Missouri, USA; Institute of Higher Studies, Paris; Institute of Refugee Studies; York University, Canada; University of Sherbrooke, Canada and International University of People's Initiatives in Peace, Roverato, Italy.

Punjab govt. decision to allow free-to-air telecast of the *Gurbani* creates a row

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Cabinet on Monday gave its assent to a move seeking to amend the Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925 and decided to insert Section 125 A in the Act for the free-to-air telecast of the *Gurbani* (sacred hymn) from the Golden Temple (Harmandir Sahib) in Amritsar.

The government decision invited sharp criticism from the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) , the body responsible for the management of the gurdwaras.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said, "The Sikh gurdwaras (Amendment) Act, 2023 will pave the way for eliminating the undue control over the free-to-air telecast of the sacred *Gurbani*."

SGPC president Harjinder Singh Dhami said, "Mr. Mann wants to please his masters in Delhi by giving a political colour to the religious affairs of Sikhs. Such thinking of the Chief Minister is a big attack on the Sikh organisation." The *Gurbani* broadcast rights are granted by the SGPC, which is currently with G-Next Media (PTC Channel), which is owned by Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal.

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> **BHAGWANT MANN**
> Punjab Chief Minister

Mr. Dhami said that the worldwide broadcast of *Gurbani* continues and no money is taken from the community. "The deal to broadcast *Gurbani* which is with G-Next Media (PTC Channel) will conclude in the month of July this year, the SGPC sub-committee is working for the next arrangement," he said. He also alleged that the Aam Aadmi Party government was directly interfering in the religious affairs of Sikhs to further its political interests, though the State government has no right to amend the Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925.

In his reaction to the SGPC, Mr. Mann, however, said, "...how the decision was an attack on 'panth' (Siks) as he was just opposing the control of a particular channel over the telecast of *Gurbani*, which is totally unwarranted and unjustified." However, Mr. Mann asserted that the State government is fully competent to amend this Act as the Supreme Court had already through a judgment ruled that it is not an inter-State Act.

While Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira termed the decision a "sad day for Sikhs", former party State president Navjot Singh Sidhu appreciated Mr. Mann and termed the move "commendable".

SAD president Sukhbir Badal criticised the government's move terming it an attempt to put the Gurdwaras under government control. Dal Khalsa leaders including H.S. Cheema and Kanwar Pal Singh accused the State government of meddling with the religious affairs of Sikhs.

Muntashir, Vipul Shah on IFFI steering committee

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Adipurush dialogue writer Manoj Muntashir and *The Kerala Story*'s producer Vipul Amrutlal Shah are among the non-official members of the steering committee constituted by the Information & Broadcasting Ministry for the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

Through a letter dated June 12, the Ministry informed the Managing Director of the National Film Development Corporation about the composition of the steering committee.

Adipurush was released across the country in multiple languages on June 16. Some of its dialogues attracted heavy criticism.

The Kerala Story, which was released on May 5, had sparked off protests in different parts of the country.

The role of the steering committee is to plan the activities of the IFFI. Among the non-official members are also Prasoon Joshi, Prosenjit Chatterjee, Khushbu Sundar, Rahul Rawail, R. Balki, Shoojit Sarkar, Aimee Baruah, Vani Tripathi, Bobby Bedi and Ravi Kottarakara.

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(set by Dr. X)

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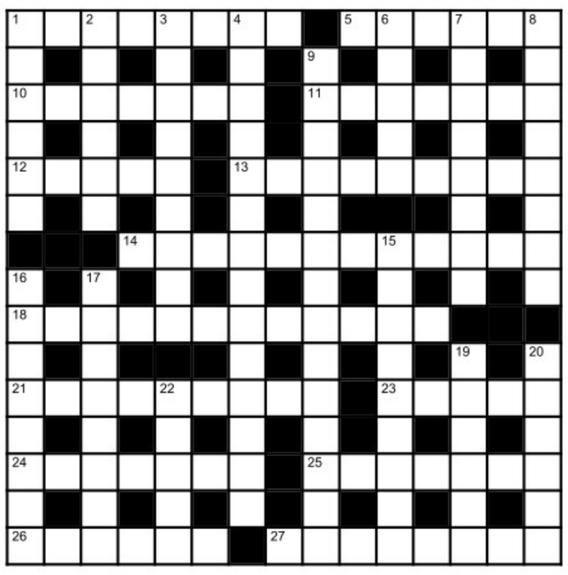

Across

1 Cobras wandering around old area in Brazilian city (8)
5 Fortifies with complex carbs to conserve energy (6)
10 Stay faithful (7)
11 Time over in race - extremely close defeat (7)
12 Well-mannered lecturer embracing retired senior (5)
13 Tensed up about problem? On reflection, it is unavoidable (5,4)
14 Which players will volleyball coach select for caning as punishment (3,2,3,4)
18 Needs to defend world record and dominate (4,3,5)
21 Friendly ape swinging on rope outside base (9)
23 Pass by crook going round bar (5)
24 Exterminate mice rampantly becoming prevalent in a region (7)
25 Pursuing couple of girls having drink after work (7)
26 Note's missing, narrate fresh list of corrections (6)
27 Old German coins in marsh close to Berlin picked up by brutes (8)

Down

1 Extremely simple test about last six lines of a sonnet (6)
2 Sickly director overwhelmed by rheumatoid arthritis in African country (6)
3 Cheat rolled around with rebellious model in bed (3,6)
4 Revolting man in difficulty beckons a criminal covertly (6,4,4)
6 Cheats and swindlers caught escaping (5)
7 Criminal managed to abduct fellow at sea (8)
8 Watch religious group grabbing power, getting worried (8)
9 Far superior to others, defeats foremost of athletes easily (7,5,2)
15 Article penned by individual about dope as psychoactive substance (9)
16 Wife wearing crown with diamonds over European suit (3-5)
17 Outlaw in America, a murder suspect (8)
19 Associate enthralled by fine dip, essentially a paste made from sesame seeds (6)
20 Performs striptease finally in parties for men (6)
22 English maiden satisfied a tourist in Cornwall (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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2	7	4	8	6	3	9	1	5
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FAITH

Mighty Jagannath Yatra

No other word in the world has come to encompass might, strength and power as juggernaut, derived from the procession of Jagannath Yatra in Puri, held over nine days. The centuries-old tradition of devotees gathering in huge numbers to pull the chariots of Balarama, Krishna and Subhadra during the *ashada* month has special significance. According to our puranas, the attraction of Jagannath lies in the fact that God Himself wanted the temple established on the eastern coast, with the idols carved from wood from a specific location, said Dr. Sudha Seshayyan in a discourse.

There are two legends to the rath yatra. One legend says that Vishnu appeared in a dream to King Indradhyumna, directing him to establish a temple on the east coast with specific matter submerged in Dwaraka. The king followed the directive, collected the logs that were submerged and sought a particular carpenter, who agreed to the job, on condition that none interrupt him or evaluate his work until he unveiled them.

However, an impatient Indradhyumna entered the carpenter's work space who vanished forthwith. The carpenter was none other than Viswakarma, the celestial carpenter.

Another legend says that when Balaram and Subhadra were carrying the ashes of Krishna, they fell into the water and turned into logs and floated to the eastern coast, where the king, identifying them as Krishna's mortal remains, decided to carve the idols from them and install them. Both the legends state that the king interrupted Viswakarma at work, forcing him to abandon the work.

BERLIN

Chinese Premier visits Germany amid growing mistrust with West

AFP

Germany's President Frank-Walter Steinmeier on Monday urged Beijing and Washington to boost dialogue, as he hosted Premier Li Qiang at a time when China's policies are receiving an increasingly hostile reception in the West. Mr. Li is on a two-nation visit which will also take him to France for a climate financing summit. AFP

WASHINGTON

Small submarine used to tour Titanic wreckage is missing: U.S.

AP

A submersible vessel used to take tourists to see the wreckage of the Titanic in the North Atlantic has gone missing, triggering a search-and-rescue operation, the U.S. Coast Guard said on Monday. It was not immediately known how many people are on the vessel, operated by a company called OceanGate Expeditions. AFP

UNITED NATIONS

UN adopts first-ever agreement to protect marine life in the high seas

AP

Members of the United Nations adopted the first-ever treaty to protect marine life in the high seas on Monday, with the U.N.'s chief hailing the historic agreement as giving the ocean "a fighting chance." The treaty had been under discussion for more than 20 years as efforts to reach an agreement had repeatedly stalled. AP

KYIV

Ukraine says one more village recaptured on southern front

AP

Ukrainian forces have recaptured the village of Pyatykhatky from Russian troops on the southern front, Deputy Defence Minister Ganna Maliar said on Monday. Maliar said on social media that "eight settlements have been liberated" in total this month since the start of a counteroffensive. AFP

Xi meets Blinken as China, U.S. agree to 'stabilise' relations amid tensions

Blinken says he agreed on the need to 'stabilise' ties but was 'clear-eyed' on differences; whether the two countries can find the right way to get along bears on the future and destiny of humanity, China's leader told the visiting U.S. top diplomat

Ananth Krishnan

Bridging gap: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken meets with Xi Jinping in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Monday. AP

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday said China and the U.S. had made "progress" on some of the issues recently straining relations as he met with Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Beijing.

That Mr. Xi met the visiting top U.S. diplomat – the meeting hadn't been confirmed publicly when Mr. Blinken landed in Beijing on Sunday on the first visit by the top U.S. diplomat since 2018 – was seen by observers as reflecting a new willingness on both sides to bring some stability to relations.

Both sides are also looking to pave the way for Mr. Xi and Mr. Biden to meet later this year for the first time since Bali in November 2022, when they agreed to prevent relations from sliding into conflict. Talks are expected either at the G-20 in India in September or at the APEC summit in the U.S. in November.

Mr. Xi said Beijing "has made our position clear and the two sides have agreed to follow through the common understandings President Biden and I had reached in Bali," state media reported.

Both Mr. Xi and Mr. Blinken referred to the goal of stabilising ties. Mr. Xi said he hoped the visit would contribute towards doing so, while Mr. Blinken later told reporters he agreed on the need to "stabilise" relations but was "clear-eyed" on differences.

"The world needs a generally stable China-U.S. relationship," Mr. Xi said. "Whether the two countries can find the right way to get along bears on the future and destiny of humanity... The international community is generally concerned about the current state of China-U.S. relations. It does not want to see conflict or confrontation between China and the U.S. or choose sides between the two countries."

Following his talks with Foreign Minister Qin Gang on Sunday, Mr. Blinken on Monday also met with Politburo member Wang Yi, who heads the Central Foreign Affairs Commission.

Mr. Wang told him both sides "need to take a responsible attitude toward our people, history, and the world, reverse the downward spiral of China-U.S. relations, and work together to find the right way for China and the U.S. to coexist in the new era."

Five Palestinians killed in Israel's West Bank raid

Agence France-Presse
JENIN

Same story: Palestinians react during a raid by Israeli forces in Jenin in the Israeli-occupied West Bank on Monday. REUTERS

Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank killed five Palestinians including a militant on Monday, in a raid that saw seven Israeli security personnel wounded and rare helicopter fire.

The sound of gunfire was heard across Jenin as wounded Palestinians continued to arrive by ambulance to a hospital in the northern West Bank city into the early afternoon.

Crowds, among them Palestinian gunmen, gathered outside Jenin government hospital, as the funerals of those killed in eleven hours of fighting began.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said five persons had been killed and at least 91 others were wounded. It named four of those killed: 15-year-old Ahmed Saqer, Khaled Assassa, 21, Qais Jabareen, 21, Ahmad Daraghmeh, 19, and Qassam Abu Saria, 29. The Palestinian Islamic Jihad claimed Abu Saria as a fighter for the militant group. Among the injured was a Palestinian journalist too.

Jenin's deputy governor said the Israeli forces had launched the raid at around 4 a.m..

The Israeli Army said that an Apache helicopter had fired missiles in support of the soldiers, a rare move in the West Bank. A Palestinian intelligence official said it was the first time since 2002 that the Israeli Army has fired missiles from an aircraft during a raid in Jenin.

UN slams 'gender apartheid' in Kabul

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

The UN's top expert on rights in Afghanistan urged countries to consider making "gender apartheid" an international crime, helping hold the Taliban accountable for its abuses against Afghan women.

After coming to power in 2001, the Taliban have implemented a host of measures against women including an austere sharia law and barring girls from secondary school.

"It is imperative that we do not look away," Richard Bennett told the UN Human Rights Council. He said that the Taliban's actions could constitute the crime against humanity of "gender persecution".

'Europe is world's fastest warming continent'

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Europe should brace for more deadly heatwaves driven by climate change, said a sweeping report on Monday, noting the world's fastest-warming continent was some 2.3 degree Celcius hotter last year than in pre-industrial times.

Droughts, record sea-surface temperatures and glacier melt are among the effects laid out in a report by the World Meteorological Organization and the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service. The continent saw its warmest summer on record last year, with France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and the U.K. experiencing their warmest year on record.

As Imran's PTI faces crackdown, a new party of deserters is taking shape

Mehmal Sarfraz
LAHORE

Jahangir Khan Tareen

The Istihkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) was launched earlier this month by Jahangir Khan Tareen (JKT), a former key member of Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), and Abdul Aleem Khan, another former close aide of Mr. Khan. "Dead on arrival" is how the PTI's Shah Mehmood Qureshi welcomed the newly launched party.

Mr. Tareen was a kingmaker in 2018 when he delivered 'independents' for the PTI post-elections so that it could form government in Punjab. But after falling out with Mr. Khan around 2019-20, Mr. Tareen became politically isolated for a while until the vote of no-confidence of April 2022 when he and his allies helped Hamza Shehbaz, the son of Shehbaz Sharif, in his bid for the Chief Minister's post in Punjab.

Last month, he was provided with another opportunity when the dismantling of the PTI began, after violent protests triggered by Imran Khan's arrest on May 9. Around a hundred PTI deserters left the PTI and joined the new party.

Abdul Aleem Khan and Jahangir Khan Tareen were among the people who gave an identity to the PTI while it was still a struggling political outfit. They were part of the PTI's crucial support system. But later on, Mr. Khan distanced himself from them after his government was formed in 2018. "It is not unusual for new political parties to emerge or for old parties to break before general elections. It is said that political parties are ideological but more or less, they have the same ideology. I wouldn't call the IPP a new party as such because it has all those old stalwarts who were the faces of pre-May 9 PTI," said Ayesha Bakhsh a senior anchorperson.

A new beginning

The IPP, however, presents itself as a new beginning in Pakistan's politics. Awn Chaudry, additional secretary general and a spokesperson of the IPP, told *The Hindu* that the party is against "the politics of hate and divisions". Its leadership seeks "political stability and prosperity" in Pakistan. But the party also seeks to maintain close ties with the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) of Prime Minister Shezbaz Sharif.

"I am a special assistant to Prime Minister Shehbaz and we have a very good working relationship with the PML-N. There will definitely be a seat adjustment or alliance with them," said Mr. Awn Chaudry when asked about the future electoral course of the IPP.

Were the PTI deserters 'forced' to join the IPP? Mr. Chaudhry dismisses such allegations. "Everyone who joined us has done so with their own choice."

However, a former PTI member who joined the IPP told *The Hindu* on the condition of anonymity that the hundred people who joined the IPP were forced to join the party. "Not a single PTI member joined on their own."

On the face of it, the IPP has been designed to undercut the PTI's popularity, especially in south Punjab and other rural areas. "But its chances of securing election victories are low. It might help the PML-N in some constituencies but I don't see any major adjustments taking place," political analyst Umair Javed said.

The PTI dismissed the relevance of the IPP's formation. Senior party leader and former federal minister Hammad Azhar said every now and then Pakistan had seen the creation of a 'King's Party'. "Its purpose is usually to grab space from genuine political parties and then lend legitimacy to anti-democratic regimes. The IPP is no different."

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
ACCOUNTS MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Kerala Water Authority invites applications for the post of Accounts Member for its Head Office at Thiruvananthapuram, to provide leadership and guidance in matters of finance and accounts, on a contract/deputation basis for a period of one year, extendable for two more years subject to retirement age as applicable. **No of Vacancy: One. Qualification:** The candidate shall be a qualified Chartered Accountant having a minimum of 25 years of experience in a responsible position in a reputed commercial organization or Public Sector Undertaking OR **2.** The candidate shall be a member of the Accounts Service of the Central Government appointed by the Government. **Age Limit:** Shall not exceed 53 years as on 01.01.2023. The age limit will be the retirement age as applicable to their respective departments/ services. For more details and to submit applications online, Candidates can visit the official website of Kerala Water Authority **(www.kwa.kerala.gov.in).** Bio-data, copies of Certificates to prove age, qualification, experience, and NOC from the parent department should be uploaded along with. **Last Date:**15 days from the date of publishing of this notification on the website. The Appointing Authority will be the Government of Kerala. **Phone: 8547104268.**

Bhandari Swagat Ranveerchand IAS
Managing Director

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KARNATAKA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY
Mukthagangothri, Mysuru - 570 006

No: KSOU/Dean(AC)/DAC-07/Ph.D./2023-24 Date: 16-06-2023

NOTIFICATION

Admission to Ph.D. Programmes 2023-24 (Regular Mode)

Ref: (1) UGC Public Notice F: No.2-1/2017(DEB-III) dated 14.09.2018. **(2)** Approval of 26th Special Academic Council meeting dated: 08.06.2023. **(3)** Approval of 172nd Board meeting dated: 13-06-2023. **(4)** KSOU Degree of Doctor of Philosophy Ordinance 2012 (4th Amendment 2023). **(5)** Approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor dated: 16-06-2023.

Applications are invited in the prescribed format from eligible candidates for admission to the Ph.D. Programmes in the following studies & Research Departments.

● Kannada ● Political Science ● Geography ● Bio-technology ● Hindi ● Journalism and Mass Communication ● Chemistry ● Micro-Biology ● Telugu ● Commerce ● Bio-Chemistry ● Education ● Economics

Common Entrance Test (CET): ● Eligible Candidates shall appear for Common Entrance Test (CET) ● Candidates who have qualified **UGC / UGC -CSIR, JRF Test / NET / GATE / GRE / M.Phil** shall be exempted from appearing to CET; however they shall appear for an interview/viva voce.

Centre for Common Entrance Test (CET): KSOU Campus Mysore only.

Payment of Fee: Download application available in KSOU website along with online payment of Rs 2000/- (Rs.1000 for SC/ST/Cat-1) towards application processing through KSOU admission portal. Duly filled application and submitted along with the attested documents either in person or by post to:

Languages, Education, Social Science and Science applications should be sent to the below address
The Chairperson, Department of Studies and Research in .....KSOU., Mukthagangothri, Mysuru - 570 006.

Commerce application should be sent to the below address
The Chairperson, Department of Studies and Research in Commerce KSOU Commerce and Management Block, 18th Main Road, Vijayanagara 3rd Stage, 'B' Block, Mysuru - 570030.

Important Dates:

Ph. D. Application available in the website	Date: 19-06-2023
Last date for submitting Application without penal fee	Date: 30-06-2023
Last date for submitting Application with penal fee of Rs 500/-	Date: 15-07-2023
Common Entrance Test	Date: 23-07-2023
CET Results Declaration	Date: 31-07-2023
Announcement of selection list	Date: 07-08-2023
Counseling for Supervisor Allotment	Date: 14-08-2023
Ph.D. course work classes commencing	Date: 04-09-2023

Visit KSOU official **website www.ksoumysuru.ac.in** for more details including Ph.D. Prospectus, Fee structure, Seat matrix, Eligibility, details of CET, Syllabus, Question paper pattern and other information.

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No: MCC/HS/CR 10/2021-22/G12 Date: 17.06.2023

RETENDER NOTIFICATION
(E procurement portal only)

Mangaluru City Corporation (MCC) invites e-Procurement (online tenders) from the eligible, reputed, and established agencies/company(ies)/ firm for Operation and Maintenance Development of existing dry waste plant for 3 years by Service model at Pachanady Solid Waste Management Plant. Interested Bidders may obtain required details form the e-Procurement website of Karnataka (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

Sl. No.	Indent No.	Name of Work	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)	Project Period	Last Date for Submission
01	DMA/ 2023-24/ SE0025	Operation and Maintenance & Development of existing dry waste plant for 3 years by Service model at Pachanady Solid Waste Management Plant.	4.50	3 years	As per e-procurement portal

Last date submission of tender is 04.07.2023 upto 17.00 hrs . Availability of Tender documents & other details on https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in . For further details regarding the tender, contact Environment Engineer, MCC, Mangaluru during office hours or over phone 0824-2220313-18 or 9448582084 and from website www.mangalurucity.mrc.gov.in. Corrigendum &/ Addendum if any will be published in https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only.

Sd/- Commissioner
Mangaluru City Corporation, Mangaluru

DIPR / MNG / 112/ MPL / 23-24

City Municipal Council, Challakere,
Chitradurga District.
ಫೋನ್ ನಂ. 08195–200094 ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ: 080–23108108

No: CMCCLK/SBM 2.0/TENDER/CR 01/2023-24 Date: 16.06.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Challakere invites tenders in Two cover system using **KW- 4** document from Class-I and II above PWD contractors or Registered Firm/Agencies for Processing and Disposal of Legacy waste at Land Fill site of City Municipal Council Challakereas per Central Pollution Board Guidelines under Swacch Bharath Mission 2.0 in CMC Challakere limit as detailed below: - **Swacch Bharath Mission 2.0:-** Description of work:- Processing and Disposal of Legacy waste at Land Fill site of City Municipal Council Challakere as per Central Pollution Board Guidelines INDENT No: DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT149. Amount Put to Tender(Rs. in Lakhs):- 283.13 EMD Amount(Rupees):- **424695.00** Period of Construction (Excluding Monsoon period):- 7.5 Months Class of Contractor:-Class-I & II PWD Contractor or Registered Firm/Agencies

Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents fromfrom the e-Procurement platform (**www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**). Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. EMD and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

(1) Pre-Bid meeting date and time for Bidders **03-07-2023 11.30 AM** (2) Last date and time for Tender Queries / Clarifications **10-07-2023 4.30 PM** (3) Last Date and time receipt to tenders **19-07-2023 4.30 PM** (4) Date and time for Opening of Technical Bid **21-07-2023 4.30 PM** (5) Date and time for Opening of Financial Bid **After Technical Approval of Bid** Any changes in the tender conditions and Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in any newspapers.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 54/2023-24

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner
City Municipal Council, Challakere.

INBRIEF

Karur Vysya opens branch in Chennai, the bank's 800th

Karur Vysya Bank on Monday announced the inauguration of its 800th branch, located in Chennai. It also opened 9 more branches in Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, besides its first digital banking unit. The 800th branch and ATM were inaugurated by TVS Capital Funds chairman and MD Gopal Srinivasan, while the digital banking unit was opened by Aavin Managing Director S. Vineeth, the private sector lender said in a statement.

U.S. FDA grants final approval for Zydus's copy of acne drug

Zydus Lifesciences said it has received the final approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for Minocycline Hydrochloride extended-release tablets USP, 55 mg, 65 mg, and 115 mg. The product is indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe acne in those above 12 years of age. It will be manufactured at the group's formulation manufacturing facility in Moraiya, Ahmedabad, Zydus said on Monday.

TPG sells entire stake in Shriram Finance for $171 mn

Shriram Finance said that U.S. private equity firm TPG sold its 2.65% stake in the non-banking financial company (NBFC) to some investors in an open market transaction. "They (TPG) still remain partners in the group's insurance business. We believe they will look to deepen the relationship for newer opportunities within the group," Umesh Revankar, executive vice chairman of Shriram Finance, said in an emailed statement. REUTERS

FM calls for efforts to push farmers to cultivate millets

Nirmala Sitharaman urges NABARD to increase the land area cultivated with millets; the FM also advises improving rural income and protecting the returns of farmers already growing millets

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday called for concerted efforts to sensitise farmers to shift towards more remunerative but less water-guzzling crops like millets, pulses and oilseeds, and enhance the digital capabilities of rural financial institutions.

Ms. Sitharaman, who was chairing a review of India's apex rural development financial institution National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development or NABARD along with top officials from the Department of Financial Services, advised it to work towards ensuring efficiency and outcomes at the ground level with improvement in rural income as top priority.

Promoting millets: Finance Minister stresses that farmers need to shift to more remunerative crops like millets. THE HINDU

"With production and marketing of ShreeAnna as a national priority in the ongoing International Year of Millets, the Finance Minister directed NABARD to encourage farmers to enhance the area covered under Millets, and to protect the returns of farmers who are already growing millets," the Finance Ministry said in a statement after the meeting.

Ms. Sitharaman stressed the need to boost the digital capabilities of rural financial institutions including regional rural banks "on priority" for augmenting financial inclusion.

IndiGo announces record order for 500 Airbus A320 family jets

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Budget carrier IndiGo on Monday announced a firm order of 500 single-aisle aircraft of the Airbus A320 family, making it the single biggest-ever civilian aircraft purchase deal.

The airline's latest order takes the total number of planes it has on order to 980, as the carrier aims to double its fleet size by the end of the current decade.

"IndiGo plans to double in size by the end of 2030 by inducting the 480 aircraft it expects will be delivered from the previous order," CEO Pieter Elbers said in an online media interaction after signing the agreement with Airbus at the Paris Air Show.

Pieter Elbers

The 500 aircraft are expected to be delivered between 2030 and 2035. IndiGo did not specify the exact mix of A320 and A321 planes that comprise the A320 family but added that the order book included A320neo, A321neo and A321XLR aircraft.

"An order book now of almost 1,000 aircraft well into the next decade, enables IndiGo to fulfill its mission to continue to boost economic growth, social cohesion and mobility in India," Mr. Elbers was quoted as saying in a statement issued by the carrier.

IndiGo's latest order also surpasses Air India's 470-aircraft order, announced in February.

Adani unit's investors okay plan to raise up to ₹8,500 crore

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Adani Transmission has secured shareholders' approval to raise up to ₹8,500 crore through the issuance of equity shares on a qualified institutional-placement basis.

As per a BSE filing, 98.64% votes were polled in favour of the resolution. Adani Transmission had earlier said it anticipates growth opportunities in its existing operations. Towards this, the firm continues to require capital.

Withdrawal of duty benefit scheme by U.K. may impact labour-reliant export sectors

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The U.K.'s decision to withdraw the duty benefit scheme from its Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) may impact exporters from certain labour-intensive sectors, such as leather and textiles, which have been the major beneficiaries, experts and traders said.

The U.K. is replacing the GSP with a new Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS) from June 19.

Labour-intensive sectors, including certain textile items, leather goods, carpets, iron & steel goods and chemicals may get impacted due to this.

Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said the U.S., European Union (EU), Australia, Japan and many other developed countries grant unilateral import duty concessions to developing countries under their GSP schemes.

"As the U.K. has come out of the EU, it has designed its own GSP scheme," said GTRI co-founder Ajay Srivastava. "Each country sets a product-wise threshold limit, if a country's exports cross the limit, the GSP concessions stop. The U.K. withdrawing GSP concessions on labour-intensive products was expected as the two countries are negotiating a free trade agreement," he added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	63,168	-0.34
US Dollar	81.94	-0.04
Gold	60,140	-0.12
Brent oil	76.13	–

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2401.40	-108.20
Adani Ports	735.65	-11.75
Apollo Hosp	5145.00	-55.05
Asian Paints	3309.70	-7.15
Axis Bank	965.65	-15.90
Bajaj Auto	4597.35	-44.60
Bajaj Finserv	1541.95	33.35
Bajaj Finance	7386.20	183.00
Bharti Airtel	828.15	-9.65
BPCL	374.75	-2.05
Britannia Ind	5021.05	-23.65
Cipla	1011.25	5.20
Coal India	227.15	-1.40
Divis Lab	3584.75	5.15
Dr Reddys Lab	4879.00	-36.05
Eicher Motors	3496.65	-42.25
Grasim Ind	1761.30	-19.45
HCL Tech	1137.55	-10.65
HDFC	2654.80	4.35
HDFC Bank	1604.15	1.40
HDFC Life	626.55	17.00
Hero MotoCorp	2782.60	-49.45
Hindalco	426.15	-0.80
Hind Unilever	2683.25	-32.40
ICICI Bank	923.15	-11.05
IndusInd Bank	1301.40	-12.60
Infosys	1294.00	2.35
ITC	453.60	0.50
JSW Steel	771.65	-4.45
Kotak Bank	1824.55	-32.85
L&T	2366.35	-0.45
M&M	1402.55	-1.30
Maruti Suzuki	9532.00	-71.70
NestleIndia	22794.85	-173.70
NTPC	185.85	-2.35
ONGC	157.80	0.80
PowerGrid Corp	243.10	-3.35
Reliance Ind	2551.80	-25.60
SBI Life	1280.50	-0.85
State Bank	568.85	-2.40
Sun Pharma	1001.80	9.80
TataConsumerProduct	857.00	-5.75
Tata Motors	566.05	-3.75
Tata Steel	114.10	-0.15
TCS	3210.40	35.50
Tech Mahindra	1093.60	16.40
Titan	2968.60	14.30
UltraTech Cement	8268.60	-64.65
UPL	685.60	-5.25
Wipro	380.15	-1.15

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 19

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.74	82.06
Euro	89.26	89.61
British Pound	104.70	105.11
Japanese Yen (100)	57.61	57.84
Chinese Yuan	11.42	11.47
Swiss Franc	91.31	91.68
Singapore Dollar	60.94	61.19
Canadian Dollar	61.90	62.15
Malaysian Ringitt	17.64	17.73
Australian Dollar	55.96	56.18

Source:Indian Bank

Tata-backed Upstox plans to float an AMC

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Shrini Vishwanath

Ratan Tata and Tiger Global-backed Upstox plans to float an Asset Management Company (AMC) this fiscal and unveil new products to become a one-stop shop for investors, said co-founder Shrini Viswanath.

"We anticipate applying for AMC licence this fiscal," he told *The Hindu*.

Besides, "in the next three quarters, we will be coming out with products such as sovereign gold bonds, digital gold receipts and bank fixed deposits".

Upstox is also planning to go public in three to five years and raise its customer base 10-fold to 10 crore in five years.

During FY23, Upstox's operating revenue grew 44% and breached the ₹1,000-crore mark. It achieved breakeven and generated positive net cash of about ₹130 crore in Q4.

Govt. to sell 92 lakh shares in Coal India to its employees

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government will sell up to 92.44 lakh shares or 0.15% stake in Coal India to its employees at a price of ₹226.10 a share.

"The employee OFS (Offer for Sale) shall remain open from June 21, 2023 to June 23, 2023," Coal India said in a stock exchange filing.

Under the share sale offer, 92,44,092 equity shares would be offered to eligible CIL employees at a price of ₹226.10 per equity share.

Sweden's Elekta mulls making radiotherapy gear in India

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Swedish radiation therapy and radiosurgery-related equipment maker Elekta is evaluating the feasibility of manufacturing in India, which already has emerged as a key market for the products used in cancer treatment.

"There are discussions [underway] with the government to understand PLI schemes," India MD and Senior VP-Intercontinental Manikandan Bala said, underscoring the company's need to also understand the ecosystem available for manufacturing in the country.

Given inputs from clinicians, if we get it right in India, we get it right in a majority of the markets

While the 'Make in India' concept would create a lot of advantages, there were also bound to be substantial challenges in terms of the ecosystem, Mr. Bala said, citing the lack of chip manufacturing in the country as one such challenge. But the ecosystem was fast evolving, he added.

India, on account of the inputs received from clinicians, was already playing a major role in helping in the customisation of several equipment. "If we get it right in India, we get it right in a majority of the markets," Mr. Bala observed during a media interaction on Monday.

In addition to analysing the products that could be made and suitable for India, discussions were on internally on software development in the country, he said. "We are not very far... options [are] being evaluated," he said, when asked when a decision was likely.

Lubrizol to invest over $150 mn in India

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Specialty chemicals maker Lubrizol Corporation plans to invest more than $150 million in various India projects, including a CPVC resin plant in Gujarat and a grease lab in Navi Mumbai.

"India is among the fastest-growing global economies with a favourable climate for business investment, including regional growth in many of the industries we support," said Rebecca Liebert, President & CEO, Lubrizol, a Berkshire Hathaway company.

Rebecca Liebert

"We are building on 50 years of success in India by adding manufacturing, lab and R&D sites, supporting in-country innovation and adding jobs that capitalise on expanding workforce and business conditions, allowing us to serve needs not only in India but in surrounding countries."

Sport

Spain shoots out Croatia in tense final, clinches Nations League title

FOOTBALL

Agence France-Presse
ROTTERDAM

Dani Carvajal chipped home a Panenka penalty to win Spain the Nations League on Sunday, with a 5-4 shootout victory over Croatia, after a tense match finished 0-0 following extra-time.

Spain goalkeeper Unai Simon denied Lovro Mayer and Bruno Petkovic from the spot, before Carvajal cheekily chipped home to earn Spain its first trophy since Euro 2012.

The victory is a confidence boost for new Spain coach Luis de la Fuente after heavy criticism in March after a defeat against Scotland in Euro 2024 qualifying. It also avenged their 2021 final defeat by France in last year's Nations League final.

Sweet success: Spain's Nations League victory is its first major trophy since Euro 2012. AFP

Zlatko Dalic's side, runners-up at the World Cup in 2018 and third in 2022, have never won a major trophy and were hoping Nations League success would cap a glittering international career for captain Luka Modric.

The Croatians chanted Modric's name in the 10th minute as a plea for him not to retire from international duty, as had been rumoured.

It was the Ansu Fati who came closest to scoring in the 90 minutes for either side.

Croatia appealed in vain for a penalty after Nacho tangled with Borna Sosa, and Spain substitute Dani Olmo hammered over as extra-time continued in the same tight pattern.

With the sides unable to separate, the match was decided on penalties.

After Simon denied Mayer, Aymeric Laporte had the chance to earn victory but hit the bar.

Simon flung himself to his right at full stretch to save Petkovic's kick and set the scene for Carvajal to win it all.

Verstappen achieves a milestone victory

CANADIAN GP

Reuters
MONTREAL

Max Verstappen won the Canadian Grand Prix from pole position on Sunday to stretch his Formula One championship lead and take Red Bull's milestone 100th victory.

The Dutch 25-year-old led every lap as he took his career tally to 41 wins, stepping up alongside Brazil's late triple champion Ayrton Senna in the record books.

Fernando Alonso finished second for Aston Martin at Montreal's Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, the Spaniard's sixth podium in eight races, with Britain's seven times world champion Lewis Hamilton third for Mercedes.

Red Bull has won every race so far this season and Canada was double world champion Verstappen's sixth of the campaign and fourth in a row.

Red Bull team principal Christian Horner took the opportunity to say that his team is capable of winning every Grand Prix this season.

"Today, to win the 100th Grand Prix for the team that's pretty incredible," said Verstappen, after the win.

On cloud nine: Verstappen is thrilled after topping the podium at the Canadian GP. AFP

THE RESULTS (PROVISIONAL)

1. Verstappen (Red Bull) 1hr 33min 58.348sec, 2.Alonso (Aston Martin) at 9.570sec, 3. Hamilton (Mercedes) 14.168, 4. Leclerc (Ferrari) 18.648, 5. Sainz (Ferrari) 21.540, 6. Perez (Red Bull) 51.028,

7. Albon (Williams) 1:00.813, 8. Ocon (Alpine) 1:01.692, 9. Stroll (Aston Martin) 1:04.402, 10. Bottas (Alfa Romeo) 1:04.432, 11. Piastri (McLaren) 1:05.101, 12. Gasly (Alpine) 1:05.249, 13. Norris (McLaren) 1:08.363, 14. Tsunoda (AlphaTauri) 1:13.423. 15. Hulkenberg (Haas) 1 lap, 16. Guanyu (Alfa Romeo) 1 lap, 17. Magnussen (Haas) 1 lap, 18. de Vries (AlphaTauri) 1 lap.

Fastest lap: Perez (Red Bull) 1:14.481 on 69th lap.

Did not finish: Sargeant (Williams), Russell (Mercedes).

World championship standings: Drivers: 1. Verstappen (Ned) 195 pts, 2. Perez (Mex) 126, 3. Alonso (Esp) 117, 4. Hamilton (GBr) 102, 5. Sainz (Esp) 68, 6. Russell (GBr) 65, 7. Leclerc (Mon) 54, 8. Stroll (Can) 37, 9. Ocon (Fra) 29, 10. Gasly (Fra) 15, 11. Norris (GBr) 12, 12. Albon (Tha) 7.

13. Hulkenberg (Ger) 6, 14. Piastri (Aus) 5, 15. Bottas (Fin) 5, 16. Guanyu (Chn) 4, 17. Tsunoda (Jpn) 2, 18. Magnussen (Den) 2, 19. de Vries (Ned) 0, 20. Sargeant (USA) 0.

AHEAD OF THE PACK

Root tops the charts for the most number of sixes in Tests in 2023

England batter Joe Root is leading the chart with the most sixes in Tests in 2023. With a total of 13 sixes in four games, Root went past Sri Lankan batter Kusal Mendis (12). The Englishman also has the most number of centuries (30) for his country after former skipper and opener Alastair Cook (33).

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Indian contingent gets off to a strong start on opening day

The Indian contingent took part in divisioning events in 14 out of 16 sports on the first day of the Special Olympics World Games on Monday. In swimming, 11 out of 12 Indians qualified for the semifinals in 25m freestyle, 25m breaststroke, and 50m breaststroke. Four Indians qualified for the semifinals in athletics.

HONOURING THE CHAMPS

Odisha CM announces ₹1 crore reward; team donates ₹20 lakhs

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced a cash reward of ₹1 crore to the Indian men's football team for winning the Hero Intercontinental Cup in Bhubaneswar on Sunday. The team has decided to donate ₹20 lakhs towards "relief and rehabilitation" of families affected by the recent train accident in the state.

RISE AND SHINE

Aditi continues good show, registers another top-10 finish

Aditi Ashok's fine run continued with yet another top-10 finish as she came up with third bogey-free round in four days to finish an impressive tied eighth (68, 67, 72, 67) with a 14-under at the Meijer LPGA Classic in Belmont (USA). Leone Maguire (21-under) beat Ariya Jutangarn by two shots to win the title.

Broad's double strike provides England edge in gripping duel

Australia, chasing 281 for victory, finish the penultimate day on 107 for three after letting the hosts' tail wag a little

Key moment: Broad gets rid of Smith cheaply, having the star batter caught at the wicket in the second innings. GETTY IMAGES

THE ASHES

Agencies
BIRMINGHAM

Australia needs 174 more runs and England seven more wickets in a gripping Ashes series opener that will be decided on the fifth and final day at Edgbaston.

Chasing 281 to win, Australia was 107 for three at stumps on the fourth day on Monday, and both sides were feeling good about their chances of winning what has been a tight Test.

After losing the wickets of David Warner, Marnus Labuschagne and Steve Smith in a span of eight overs in the last session, Usman Khawaja stood firm to be 34 not out with night-watchman Scott Boland on a career-best 13 not out.

On fire

Stuart Broad brought England back into the contest with two of the three wickets and fired up the raucous crowd.

When Australia started its second innings after tea, the crowd chanted, "Broady's gonna get ya," to bait Warner, who has fallen to Broad 16 times, including in the first innings.

But Warner held him off. He and Khawaja started smoothly by reaching 50 for no loss in the 15th over.

Warner and first innings centurion Khawaja looked rock-solid in putting on 61 before Warner edged a beauty from Ollie Robinson having made a fluent 36.

With England off-spinner Moeen Ali struggling with a cut hand, Broad returned for a second spell to swing the momentum back towards the hosts.

Bigger prizes

Broad didn't get Warner, but he got bigger prizes, that of No. 1-ranked Labuschagne and No. 2 Smith. Both edged Broad behind into the gloves of Jonny Bairstow, Labuschagne for 13 and Smith for six. Broad had two for 28.

England was all out for 273 in its second innings right on a delayed tea. Joe Root and Harry Brook led with 46 each and Ben Stokes with 43.

Australia spinner Nathan Lyon took four for 80 and captain Pat Cummins finished with four for 63.

Rain is expected early on Tuesday before drier conditions, but a draw looks a remote possibility.

SCOREBOARD

England — 1st innings: 393 for eight decl. in 78 overs.
Australia — 1st innings: 386 in 116.1 overs.
England — 2nd innings: Zak Crawley c Carey b Boland 7, Ben Duckett c Green b Cummins 19, Ollie Pope b Cummins 14, Joe Root st. Carey b Lyon 46, Harry Brook c Labuschagne b Lyon 46, Ben Stokes lbw b Cummins 43, Jonny Bairstow lbw b Lyon 20, Moeen Ali c Carey b Hazlewood 19, Ollie Robinson c Green b Lyon 27, Stuart Broad (not out) 10, James Anderson c Carey b Cummins 12; Extras (lb-9, nb-1): 10; Total (in 66.2 overs): 273.
Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-27, 3-77, 4-129, 5-150, 6-196, 7-210, 8-229, 9-256.
Australia bowling: Cummins 18.2-1-63-4, Hazlewood 10-1-48-1, Lyon 24-2-80-4, Boland 12-2-61-1, Green 2-0-12-0
Australia — 2nd innings (Target 281): Usman Khawaja (batting) 34, David Warner c Bairstow b Robinson 36, Marnus Labuschagne c Bairstow b Broad 13, Steve Smith c Bairstow b Broad 6, Scott Boland (batting) 13; Extras (nb-5): 5; Total (for three wkts. in 30 overs): 107.
Fall of wickets: 1-61, 2-78, 3-89.
England bowling: Anderson 7-0-32-0, Broad 9-0-28-2, Robinson 6-2-22-1, Moeen 7-2-24-0, Root 1-0-1-0..

Bhavani makes history, becomes first Indian to win Asian c'ship medal

Trend-setter: Bhavani's bronze is India's first in the continental event. FILE PHOTO: V.V. KRISHNAN

FENCING

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CHENNAI

Olympian C.A. Bhavani Devi created history by securing India's first-ever medal – a bronze – at the Asian fencing championships in Wuxi, China, on Monday.

Bhavani lost to Uzbekistan's Zaynab Dayibekova in a hard-fought semifinal 14-15 of the women's sabre event, but ensured India its maiden medal in the event.

Earlier, she shocked reigning world champion Misaki Emura of Japan 15-10 in the quarterfinals, her first win against the Japanese fencer.

Bhavani said her dream to beat a few top-ranked players in the world had been realised and she was particularly happy to get the better of Misaki.

Bhavani. TWITTER/IAMBHAVANIDEVI

"It feels great to become the first Indian to win a bronze for the country at the Asian meet. Beating Misaki was huge because she is a good and consistent fencer. I had lost in the round of 16 to Misaki in the previous Asians, but I had a plan this time and it worked," Bhavani told *The Hindu* over phone from Wuxi.

The Indian gave it her all before losing the last-four clash. At 14-14, the referee flashed the red card against Bhavani for 'early start'. She wanted a video referral, but the referee rejected it on the grounds that it is available only for 'blade contact'. Both fencers had received a yellow card earlier in the match.

The 29-year-old Bhavani's next assignment will be the World championships in Milan from July 22 to 30.

Thilak to chair BCCI junior cricket committee

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MUMBAI

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has confirmed the appointment of V.S. Thilak Naidu as the chairman of the junior cricket committee.

He replaced S. Sharath in the junior selection panel after the latter was promoted to the senior selection committee earlier this year.

Former Bengal and Railways cricketer Shyama Shaw was added to the senior women's National selection panel, replacing compatriot Mithu Mukherjee.

India women's selection committee: Neetu David (chairperson), Renu Margrate, Arati Vaidya, Kalpana Venkatacha, Shyama Dey Shaw.
Junior cricket committee: V.S. Thilak Naidu (chairperson), Ranadeb Bose, Harvinder Singh Sodhi, Pathik Patel, and Krishen Mohan.

Tongue lashing the wake-up call: Chhetri

Turning it around: After a barren opening period, Chhetri & Co. got going in the second half. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Press Trust of India
BHUBANESWAR

The "tongue lashing" they got from head coach Igor Stimac at half-time was the wake-up call the Indians needed to win the Intercontinental Cup, revealed skipper Sunil Chhetri.

"We got some tongue lashing from the boss at half-time. We were nowhere close to where we were in the last game. It was the wake-up call we needed," said Chhetri.

"A lot of words were spoken, some of which I can't repeat here. But the main thing is that we knew we had it in our ranks, and at the end of the day, we have no regrets. Of course, it's easier now to say this after the 2-0 victory, but we are happy with the win." Chhetri was impressed with India's performance in the tournament and termed the victory "sweet".

"We could not win the Intercontinental Cup last time and this one was sweet. It was not easy, but we were very happy," he said.

Tajinderpal Toor rewrites his own Asian record, books a berth for the Worlds

Y.B. Sarangi
BHUBANESWAR

Shot-putter Tajinderpal Singh Toor overcame a personal loss to smash his own Asian record with an effort of 21.77m and qualify for the World championships on the final day of the 62nd National inter-State athletics meet at the Kalinga Stadium on Monday.

Toor, who lost his grandmother three days ago, rewrote the Asian mark in his third attempt to win the gold medal.

"I dedicate this win to my grandmother who helped me by sending money from Canada when I had no sponsors," said Toor, who also bettered his own National record and qualified for the Asian Games.

Jinson Johnson returned to form as he won the 1500m in 3:42.77 and made the cut for the Hangzhou Games. Ten others also qualified in 1500m for the continental Games.

Giant's day out: It was a field day for Toor at the inter-State meet on Monday. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Rohit Yadav (83.28m) led three javelin throwers to Hangzhou qualification.

Ancy Sojan and Shaili Singh were engaged in a keen contest before the former won the women's long jump title with a leap of 6.51m. Both booked their Asiad tickets.

Annu Rani (58.22m) was among the women athletes to secure an Asiad berth.

The results (finals):

Men: 200m (WC QM: 20.16, AG QM: 20.61): 1. Amlan Borgohain (Asm) 20.71 (NMR, Old 20.80, Anil Kumar, 2000); 2. Shashikanth Virupaksha (Kar) 21.08, 3. Akash Kumar (UP) 21.17; **1500m** (WC QM: 3:34.20, AG QM: 3:47.84): 1. Jinson Johnson (Ker) 3:42.77, 2. Ajay Kumar Saroj (UP) 3:42.96, 3. Shashi Bhushan Singh (Bih) 3:43.93; **400mH** (WC QM: 48.70, AG QM: 49.75): 1. Yashas P. (Kar) 49.37 (NMR, Old 49.68, A. Dharun, 2018), 2. Santhosh Kumar T. (TN) 49.52, 3. Jabir Madari Palliyalil (Ker) 50.40; **5000m** (WC QM: 13:07.00, AG QM: 14:00.00): 1. Gulveer Singh (UP) 13:43.23, 2. Harmanjot Singh (MP) 13:44.25, 3. Hemraj Gurjar (Raj) 13:45.91; **Long jump** (WC QM: 8.25m, AG QM: 7.95m): 1. M.Sreeshankar (Ker) 8.29m (NMR, Old 8.23m, Sreeshankar, 2022), 2. Jeswin Aldrin (TN) 7.98m, 3. David P. (TN) 7.94m; **Shot put** (WC QM: 21.40m, AG QM: 19m): 1. Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Pun) 21.77m (New Asian Record, NR, Old 21.49m, Tajinderpal, 2021), 2. Karanveer Singh (Pun) 19.78m, 3. Sahib Singh (Del) 18.75m;

Javelin (WC QM: 85.20m, AG QM: 78.23m): 1. Rohit Yadav (UP) 83.28m, 2. Kishore Kumar Jena (Odi) 82.87m, 3. Shivpal Singh (UP) 81.96m; **Pole vault** (WC QM: 5.81m, AG QM: 5.40m): 1. Siva Subramani (TN) 5.11m (NMR, Old 5.10m, Kundan, 2018), 2. Dev Meena (MP) 4.90m, 3. Sidharth A.K. (Ker) 4.80m; **4x400m relay** (AG QM: 3:03.97): 1. Tamil Nadu 3:06.75, 2. Kerala 3:06.87, 3. Haryana 3:08.13.

Women: 200m: 1. Srabani Nanda (Odi) 23.77, 2. Prachi (UP) 24.12, 3. Anjali P.D. (Ker) 24.25; **800m** (WC QM: 1:59.80, AG QM: 2:04.57): 1. Chanda (Del) 2:03.82, 2. Harmilan Bains (Pun) 2:04.04, 3. K.M. Deeksha (MP) 2:04.35;

400mH (WC QM: 54.90, AG QM: 57.48): 1. R.Vithya Ramraj (TN) 56.01 (NMR, Old 57.02, Jauna Murmu, 2018), 2. Sinchal Kaveramma R.R. (Kar) 56.76, 3. Anu R. (Ker) 58.13); **5000m** (WC QM: 14:57.00, AG QM: 15:49.00): 1. Sanjivani Jadhav (Mah) 15:55.60, 2. Seema (HP) 16:11.50, 3. Ankita (Utk) 16:37.85; **Long jump** (WC QM: 6.85m, AG QM: 6.45m): 1. Ancy Sojan (Ker) 6.51m, 2. Shaili Singh (UP) 6.49m, 3. Bhavani Yadav Bhagavati (AP) 6.44m; **High jump** (WC QM: 1.97m, AG QM: 1.80m): 1. Pooja (Har) 1.80m, 2. Rubina Yadav (Har) 1.78m, 3. Abhinaya Shetty (Kar) 1.76m; **Shot put** (WC QM: 18.80m, AG QM: 16.30m): 1. Kiran Baliyan (UP) 17.17m, 2. Manpreet Kaur (Har) 16.61m, 3. Abha Khatua (Mah) 16.39m; **Javelin** (WC QM: 63.80m, AG QM: 56.46m): 1. Annu Rani (UP) 58.22m, 2. Priyanka (Har) 51.94m, 3. Rashmi K. (AP) 50.95m;

Hammer (WC QM: 73.60m, AG QM: 62.03m): 1. K.M. Rachna (UP) 65.03m (NMR, Old 64.19m, Manju Bala, 2022), 2. Tanya Chaudhary (UP) 63.16m, 3. Renu (Har) 60.91m; **4x400m relay** (AG QM: 3:33.23): 1. Tamil Nadu 3:37.87, 2. Punjab 3:39.22, 3. Delhi 3:39.51.

INBRIEF

Spain forward Joselu arrives at Real Madrid

Real Madrid confirmed the arrival of Spain striker Joselu on loan from relegated Espanyol for next season on Monday. The 33-year-old forward has scored three goals in four appearances for his country and helps Madrid reinforce a depleted attack.

Advani leads India 1 to facile wins in Asian team snooker

Team India 1, led by multiple-time World champion and Asian Games gold medalist Pankaj Advani, registered three wins to top Group C at the Asian Team snooker championship in Tehran.

The results: India bt Afghanistan 3-0 (Pankaj Advani bt Mohammed Noor Zai 54-07; Laxman Rawat bt Saleh Mohammedi 75-17; Advani & Rawat bt Zai & Mohammedi 68-410.
India bt Malaysia 3-0 (Advani bt Moh Keen Hoo 109-13; Aditya Mehta bt Thor Chuan Leong 60-47; Rawat & Advani bt Moh & Lim Kok Keong 57-46).
India bt UAE 3-1 (Advani bt Mohd. Al Joaker 116-1; Aditya bt Abdulrahman Saif 73-5; Rawat & Advani lost to Al Joaker & Saif 42-67; Aditya bt Al Joaker 80-0).

Diksha finishes creditable T-3 in German Masters

Indian golfer Diksha Dagar missed out on a second career title on the Ladies European Tour, but played well enough to finish tied third at the 2023 Amundi German Masters in Bradenburg. The T-3 finish takes her up to 22nd on the Race to Costa Del Sol rankings on the Tour.

Kyrgios withdraws from Halle tournament

Australian Nick Kyrgios said he "tried everything" to be fit after withdrawing from the Wimbledon warm-up tournament in Halle on Monday due to a knee issue.

Griekspoor, Alexandrova claim Dutch grass court titles

Tallon Griekspoor claimed his second title of the season when he came from a set down to defeat Jordan Thompson 6-7(4), 7-6(3), 6-3 in the 's-Hertogenbosch grass court final on Sunday. In the women's event, Ekaterina Alexandrova came from behind to defend her title, battling past fellow Russian Veronika Kudermetova 4-6, 6-4, 7-6(3).

USA clinches CONCACAF Nations League title again

USA beat Canada 2-0 in Las Vegas on Sunday to win the CONCACAF Nations League for the second straight edition. Chris Richards (12th minute) and Folarin Balogun (34th) were the scorers.

Ashique and Jeff star in Shooterz FC's facile win

Ashique and Jeff scored two goals each as Shooterz FC beat Samba FC 5-1 in the KSFA North & South C-division league held at the SUFC Ground in Bengaluru on Monday.

The results: Bangalore Champs 1 (K.S. Akshay 15) bt Tride Sports FC 0; Yelahanka Camp Boys 4 (K. Goutham 1, Vivek Singh 7, S.Sachin 30+1, 43) bt Annish Sports 0; Shooterz FC 5 (K.Sharath 4, TP Md.Asique 17, 20, Jeff K Ryanbai 23, 25) bt Samba FC 1 (Sibasis 32).

LIVE TELECAST

CWC 2023 Qualifiers: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 12.30 p.m. onwards
The Ashes: 1st Test, day 5, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.
FIH Pro League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 4.40, 7.10, 9.40 p.m. & 12.10 a.m. (Wednesday)
PHL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 & 8.30 p.m.
TNPL: Star Sports 3 & FanCode, 7.15 p.m.

Clark holds off McIlroy to win his first Major title

The American pulls off a one-shot win over the Northern Irishman to land his biggest prize; World No. 1 takes the third spot ahead of British Open champion Smith

U.S. OPEN

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LOS ANGELES

Cup that cheers! Clark proudly holds aloft the champion's trophy after his remarkable display. GETTY IMAGES

Wyndham Clark fired an even-par 70 on Sunday to win the 123rd U.S. Open, capturing his first Major title and denying four-time Major winner Rory McIlroy his first in nine years.

Clark, whose previous best finish in six prior Major starts was a tie for 75th, held his nerve at Los Angeles Country Club, where his 10-under-par total of 270 gave him an one-shot win over McIlroy, who also shot 70.

Clark, ranked 32nd in the world, started the day tied for the lead with Rickie Fowler and had a three-shot lead after his fourth birdie of the day at the par-five 14th.

His lead dwindled to one shot after bogeys at 15 and 16, and McIlroy kept the pressure on with an unlikely par at 17 – where his tee shot was left onto the fairway of the neighbouring second hole. Clark missed the green at the par-four 17th, but stuck his third shot within two feet of the pin for a needed par.

Confident

His approach at 18 left him 60 feet, and he made a confident run with his first putt and sealed the victory with a par putt from within three feet.

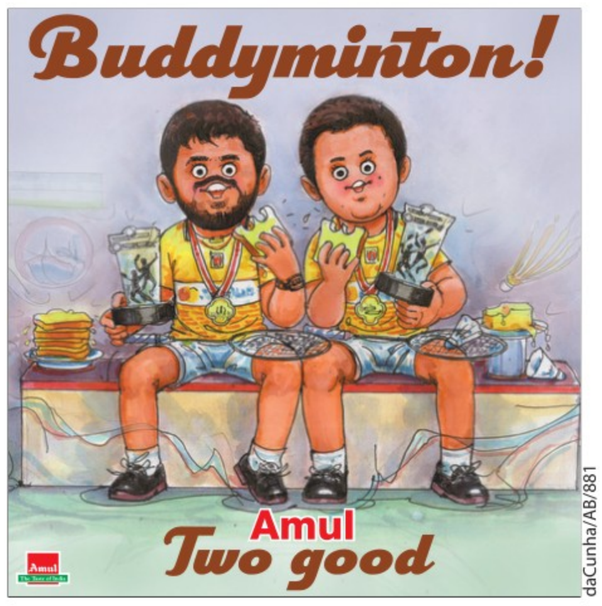
McIlroy had opened with a birdie, then parred 12 straight, finding green after green but unable to get any birdie putts to drop.

McIlroy bogeyed 14, where his third shot was plugged deep in the muddy bank of a bunker and he received a free drop, only to miss a nine-foot par-saving putt.

World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler also carded a 70 to finish third, two shots behind McIlroy.

Reigning British Open champion Cameron Smith of Australia climbed the leaderboard with a 67 to grab fourth place on six-under 274.

Fowler, trying to claim his first Major to cement his return from a slump that saw him fall to 185th in the world, endured a nightmare day with seven bogeys in a five-over 75, sharing fifth with Min Woo Lee and Tommy Fleetwood who carded a superb seven-under par 63.



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Chennai Lions will start its campaign against Puneri Paltan in UTT Season 4

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UTT Season 4 will have the presence of global stars
A total of 18 matches, including the semifinals and final, will be played among the six franchisees. The title clash is scheduled for July 30.

Defending champion Chennai Lions will take on Puneri Paltan in the Ultimate Table Tennis Season 4 opener in Pune on July 13.

The league schedule was announced on Monday.

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The title clash is scheduled for July 30.

Bengaluru Smashers, Dabang Delhi TTC, Goa Challengers and U Mumba TT are the other four franchisees who will vie for title.

Bengaluru Smashers and U Mumba TT will begin their campaign in the second tie of the season on July 14 whereas Dabang Delhi TTC and Goa Challengers will play their opener on July 15.

Global stars

UTT Season 4 will have the presence of global stars, including African paddler Quadri Aruna (WR16) and USA's Lily Zhang (24) while Sharath Kamal, Manika Batra and Sathiyan Gnanasekaran headline the Indian field.

Rich haul for India at Canada Para International meet

Sports Bureau
HYDERABAD

Krishna Nagar who won two gold medals. INSTAGRAM

Krishna Nagar won singles gold in SH6 category and also a gold in the men's doubles partnering Sivarajan Solaimalai in the Canada Para International championship.

India's ace para shuttler Pramod Bhagat won a silver medal in singles, a bronze medal in mixed doubles and a bronze medal in mixed doubles.

In the SH6 mixed doubles category Sivarajan Solaimalai and Nithya Sree won gold and in the mixed doubles wheelchair 1 and 2 India's Prem Kumar Ale and Emine Seckin won gold.

Pramod went down fighting to England's Daniel Bethell 21-12, 21-13 in the singles final that lasted 58 minutes.

The World No. 1 pair of Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam, who struck gold in the past few events, couldn't recreate their magic and secured a bronze medal.

In the mixed doubles Pramod Bhagat and Manisha Ramadass secured a bronze medal. The duo went down fighting to the Indonesian pair of Fredy Setiawan and Khalimatus Sadiyah.

"I am not very happy with my performance in this tournament, Bethell played a really good game. It is time to go back to the drawing board and look at the mistakes that I have made and start working on the same," Pramod said later.

Nithya Sree won bronze in SH6 women's category, Manasi Joshi and Thulasimathi Murugesan won gold in women's doubles SL3-SU5 category.

Mandeep Kaur won gold in women's SL3 while Manasi won a bronze in the same category.

In Men's double's Kumar Nitesh and Tarun won the gold medal while Deep Ranjan and Manoj Sarkar secured silver. In SL4 Tarun won the silver medal.

That winning feeling! Sesks, right, with co-driver Renars of Team MRF Tyres is closing in on the title lead. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Team MRF Tyres wins Rally Liepaja

Sports Bureau
LIEPAJA (LATVIA)

Team MRF Tyres was dominant at the Tet Rally Liepaja as home hero Martins Sesks delivered another victory for the team in the fourth round of the 2023 FIA European Rally Championship. The pair of Sesks and co-driver Renars Francis won the rally by over 41 seconds, clinching seven stage wins from the nine stages completed.

Sesks' wins included Sunday's power stage as he finished ahead of Hayden Paddon, who finish second, with fellow World Rally Championship event winner Mads Ostberg completing the podium.

On the back of his recent victory at the Rally of Poland, Sesks led from start to finish. The Lativan duo, in its Skoda Fabia RS Rally2 looked in control from the outset.

As others struggled in the dust of the opening stage, the Team MRF Tyres driver on his Skoda Fabia RS Rally2 opened an immediate 16.4s lead over his teammate Ostberg.

"What an incredible rally! I must thank my team and MRF Tyres for giving me such a fantastic car. The tyres were amazing throughout the weekend and really allowed me to push," said Sesks. "To win at home once again is amazing. There were so many fans lining the stages! I am looking forward to the next round in Sweden."

Team MRF Tyres saw an additional two cars inside the top 10 with the Spanish duo of Efren Llarena and Sara Fernandez coming in ninth ahead of Italians Simone Campedelli and Tania Canton.

With two wins in a row, Sesks and Francis close in on the title lead and sit second in the driver's standings. Team MRF Tyres has extended its lead atop of the team's championship.

Inclusion of women players will help make GCL global, says Rapport

CHESS

Mayank Chaudhary

Richard Rapport is all set to unleash his best in the inaugural season of the Global Chess League scheduled to take place from June 21 to July 2 at the Dubai Chess and Culture Club.

Rapport will turn out for Ganges Grandmasters along with Viswanathan Anand.

Rapport.

Having already played with the Indian maestro in German Bundesliga, the current World No. 10 believes the tournament structure is helping the cause to promote chess globally.

"In chess, there are only very few serious team competitions. If you look at it, there are few leagues in some countries that offer team competition. I play in the same team with Vishy (Anand) in Germany as well and it's a very strong team but again it is concentrated in one country with only a few top players playing," said the 2022 Candidates entrant to *The Hindu* in an exclusive interaction.

Rapport, the FIDE Grand Prix 2022 second-leg winner, believes that a lot will depend on how the top board of his team plays out in the tournament and the inclusion of women players helps the cause of making the league global.

Rapport and Anand will be joined at Ganges by World No. 17 Leinier Dominguez Perez, Women's World No. 1 Hou Yifan, Bela Khotenashvili, and Andrey Esipenko for GCL, which has rapid time controls.

Argentina defeats Indonesia 2-0 without Messi

Agence France Presse
JAKARTA

World Cup winner Argentina beat a spirited Indonesia 2-0 in a lucrative friendly here on Monday without superstar Lionel Messi.

PSG midfielder Leandro Paredes opened the scoring after 38 minutes, stepping forward and hitting a rocket into the top corner after staunch defending from the home side. Cristian Romero thumped home a header in the 55th minute.

Pakistan gets visa, to play India on Wednesday

SAFF C'SHIPS

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

The Pakistan football team is all set to arrive late on Tuesday for the eight-nation SAFF Championship after having received the requisite visa clearance on Monday.

Pakistan and India are scheduled to meet on the opening day of the tournament on Wednesday at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium.

The Pakistan squad was expected to arrive on Sunday after finishing the Four Nation Cup in Mauritius, but had to postpone its trip. Though Indian officials were confident of their neighbour's participation, there was some apprehension that the fixture could be rescheduled or Pakistan could miss out on the competition altogether.

But the host body, Karnataka State Football Association, allayed those fears late on Monday. "Pakistan players have got their visas and they will be reaching Bengaluru tomorrow (Tuesday) night. The match will be played as scheduled," it said.

Karman Kaur goes down fighting to Starodubtseva

Sports Bureau

Second seed Karman Kaur Thandi went down 7-6(5), 5-7, 4-6 to eighth seed Yulia Starodubtseva of Ukraine in the final of the $60,000 ITF women's tennis in Sumter, USA, on Sunday.

Karman has moved up to 234th in rankings, and is second among Indian women behind Ankita Raina (206).

The results (final): Yulia Starodubtseva (Ukr) bt Karman Kaur Thandi 6-7(5), 7-5, 6-4.